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Fear of mainland IRA campaign

Soldier killed by rush-hour London bomb

By Staff Reporters

AN ARMY sergeant was killed and another injured yesterday after a bomb "smashed to smithereens" a military van in Wembley, north-west London. A motorcyclist was seen speeding away after the explosion.

The blast, two days after the IRA attacked the Army education directorate headquarters in the capital, was the fourth mainland attack this year and increased fears of an intensification in the IRA's campaign. Thirteen people have been killed in attacks in the past 21 months.

Mr Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said that Britain appeared to be the target of a new IRA campaign of terror and gave a warning that no military installation in the country was safe from attack. "This is another terrible outrage," he said. "This is an attack which has shown no interest in people's lives, people have been indiscriminately wounded in the rush-hour."

The Wembley device, which exploded at 5.12 pm, was believed to have been clamped to the underside of the van that had been parked all day in an alley at the rear of an Army careers information office in Thurlow Gardens, near the junction with the Harrow Road shopping centre, half a mile from Wembley stadium. The two victims were getting into the vehicle when the bomb went off. Had it exploded 24 hours later, the street would have been thronged with supporters going to the FA Cup Final replay.

The injured man, who suffered shrapnel wounds to his legs, staggered into the street after the blast and warned bystanders to move away in case there was another bomb. He was later taken to Northwick Park hospital, where his condition last night was said to be stable.

Police cordoned off a wide area around the scene as bomb squad officers arrived, and helicopters hovered above after the Civil Aviation Authority ordered a mile and half high exclusion zone.

Mr Peter Kay, a painter and decorator aged 20, said he saw the bomb go off. "I saw the van blown up," he said. "It was totally wrecked. The man inside was dead and another man was wandering about stunned and shocked. All his face was burnt. He came and told all of us to move back. He said there might be another bomb. I saw a hand on the crossing of Ealing Road and Lancelot Road, the police covered it with a blanket."

Mr Michael Ryan, a carpenter aged 28, said: "I just saw one guy stumbling out, his face and all his clothing was completely blackened. Blood was coming out of his mouth." Mr Ryan said that immediately after the blast "everyone rushed over to see what had happened. This guy was just shouting out 'get the hell out of the way'."

A London ambulance spokesman said: "The vehicle was smashed to smithereens. It had been blown up in the air and was unrecognizable." Three people suffering from shock refused treatment and were giving statements to the police.

Mr Colin Baggett, who heard the blast from his office, said the explosion did not appear to have caused much damage to buildings although it had broken windows. "There was a little bit of panic. There were a few ladies running around in a very bad state of shock."

On Monday, seven people were injured when an IRA bomb buried in a flower bed exploded outside the front door of the Directorate of Army Education headquarters in Eltham, south London. Commander George Churchill-Coleman, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad said then: "This may only be the start of several further devices going off in different parts of the country."

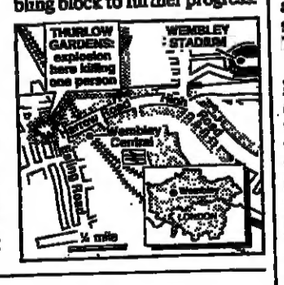
The Wembley bombing comes within 24 hours of an impassioned plea for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland at the funeral of Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaiach in Armagh and amid new hopes that inter-party talks in Ulster could lead to a substantial improvement in the political climate of the province.

Mr Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, the Provisional IRA's political wing and Mr Martin McGuinness, a senior republican, were among more than 1,000 mourners who heard Dr Cahal Daly, Bishop of Down and Connor, condemn all use of violence in pursuit of the aims of Irish nationalism. Dr Daly appealed to Mr Adams and his followers to "listen at last in death to this plea (for peace) from the heart of the great Irishman who was Tomás Ó Fiaich".

The bombings are not expected to deflect the Government from its determination to create the conditions for dialogue between the constitutional parties in Northern Ireland. Recent weeks have seen signs of progress by Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, with attention focused on the preconditions which Unionist leaders have laid down before being prepared to entertain the possibility of talks with the Social Democratic and Labour Party.

It is generally accepted that two of the three steps required of the Government by Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, and Mr Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist Party leader, have been met. These are that the Government publicly declares its willingness to seek an alternative to the Anglo-Irish agreement, and secondly that it agrees to a suspension of Anglo-Irish conference meetings to enable talks to begin.

A third condition that civil servants at the Anglo-Irish secretariat at Maryfield outside Belfast be redeployed for the duration of talks, is regarded as the principal stumbling block to further progress.



Where's the beef? Mr John Gummer pressing a burger on his daughter Cordelia, aged four, at Colchester yesterday to underline his contention that the meat is safe

Ministers at odds over loss of 770 steel jobs

By Kerry Gill and Robin Oakley

CLEAR differences emerged between Mr Malcolm Rifkind and some of his Cabinet colleagues last night over British Steel's plans to close the Ravenscraig strip mill in Motherwell next year with the loss of 770 jobs.

Condemnation of the decision from all quarters in Scotland was led by Mr Rifkind, the Secretary of State, and was accompanied by claims that Scottish steel production would end within four years.

British Steel is to spend £83 million on its Llanwern works, an investment similar to that at Port Talbot, so that its strip products division could take full advantage of modernized facilities in South Wales. While the company said it would try to find new jobs for the men in the Motherwell area, it added: "The impact of the continuous casting investments at Port Talbot and Llanwern will, in due course, also affect steel production at Ravenscraig so that production of steel at that works beyond 1994 will be dependent upon the economic and commercial scene and the demand for steel slabs."

Answering a private notice question from his Labour shadow Mr Donald Dewar, Mr Rifkind said he deplored the proposed closure and appealed for politicians in all parties to unite in pressing a sober commercial case on British Steel for keeping the hot strip mill open. Earlier he had called the decision arbitrary and unreasonable.

Mr Rifkind's remarks were seen in the Department of Trade and Industry as amounting to "Labourspeak", appearing to condemn a straight commercial decision as an act of social and economic vandalism. It was made clear that Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State, had nothing to do with the wording of Mr Rifkind's statement, and it was noticeable during trade and industry questions that Mr Douglas Hogg, one of Mr Ridley's junior ministers, was much less ready to condemn British Steel than was Mr Rifkind.

Other government sources agreed the Ravenscraig action was a free commercial decision that the Government had no power to prevent. There was, however, some sympathy for Mr Rifkind personally among his colleagues who agreed that with the Conservatives in a parlous position in Scotland, he was under pressure to react vigorously over the loss of a talisman of Scottish politics.

Mr George Younger, who as Secretary of State for Scotland had opposed previous closure plans for Ravenscraig, said: "This decision should not be accepted and we should demand to see the reasoned case for closure, if such exists."

Mr Rifkind was told of the decision by Sir Robert Scholey, the British Steel chairman, on Tuesday. In a series of interviews yesterday, he accused the company of letting down a loyal workforce and said it had failed to produce the commercial justification for the proposed closure. But opposition MPs accused him of spinelessness for not having done more to foresee and prevent the closure. In particular, they criticized him for not having met Sir Robert for seven months.

Mr Dewar was swift to remind the Scottish Secretary

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Oil clean-up dispute

OIL from the holed supertanker Rose Bay hit more than 15 miles of the south Devon coast yesterday amid mounting criticism of the clean-up operation from environmental groups.

The cost of the operation to remove hundreds of tons of oil from holiday beaches will be met "totally by the polluter", Mr Patrick McLoughlin, the minister with responsibility for shipping, told the Commons last night. Emergency workers were still struggling to contain the spillage, fearing that onshore winds could drive more oily sludge onto beaches so far unaffected.

Greenpeace criticized the attempt to clean up the oil as "unco-ordinated", although the most sensitive wildlife areas appeared so far to have escaped serious damage.

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Iran says no to UK talks

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Editor

IRAN yesterday refused a British offer to hold a brief meeting between officials to break the diplomatic ice between the two countries. Its decision was a setback after encouraging signs that direct talks might be imminent, and almost certainly reflects opposition from hardliners in Tehran.

The British Government had told a Foreign Office official to try to make contact with an Iranian delegation which held talks yesterday with representatives of three European Community countries. Mr Jeremy Greenstock, deputy political director at the Foreign Office, was asked to make the approach after the Iran-EC meeting. Whitehall sources said the Foreign Office had been given to understand that the Iranian delegation would be willing to see Mr Greenstock, but in the event they refused.

The British move followed hints that both sides might be nearly ready to move from indirect to direct talks. But in both capitals there are some who oppose a closer relationship. A radical Iranian newspaper yesterday stepped up pressure on President Rafsanjani not to make any concessions by calling for the execution of Mr Roger Cooper, the British businessman held in Iran.

Whitehall sources underlined that Mr Greenstock had been instructed only to seek a "brief meeting" which should not be construed as the opening of direct talks.

MPs launch beef inquiry

By Michael Hornsby and Sheila Gunn

AN URGENT parliamentary inquiry was launched yesterday in an attempt to dispel widening public anxiety about a possible threat to human beings from the "mad cow" disease which has led to beef being taken off the menu in hundreds of schools.

Mr John Gummer, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, who was photographed tucking into a beefburger at a function in his Suffolk constituency, said he would be happy to co-operate with the inquiry and repeated his belief that British beef is "perfectly safe".

That judgement was supported by Sir Donald Acheson, the Government's Chief Medical Officer. Sir Donald said that after taking advice from leading scientific and medical experts he had no hesitation in asserting that "beef can be eaten safely by everyone, both adults and children, including patients in hospital". The inquiry, which is expected to start next week and produce a report by the end of July, will be held by the Tory-dominated House of Commons agriculture select committee.

Mr Gummer is expected to give evidence. Professor Richard Lacey, the Leeds University microbiologist who says that all cattle in herds infected by bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) should be destroyed, will be questioned by the committee.

The committee's chairman, Mr Jerry Wiggin, Conservative MP for Weston super Mare and a former junior agriculture minister, said he considered there was no threat to humans from "properly cooked beef" and criticized local education authorities who had banned it from school canteens.

Dr David Clark, the Labour Party spokesman on agriculture, said the Government's handling of "mad cow" disease had been a fiasco and showed it was incapable of handling sensitive food issues.

While the move to ban beef spread to schools in the Greater Manchester area, after a similar decision by at least seven education authorities in other parts of the country on Tuesday, the Association of London Authorities said the 14 Labour-run boroughs it represents would not be joining the "stampede into panic".

Sir Donald: "Beef is safe for everyone to eat"

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US upset by Moscow line on Baltic states

By Our Foreign Staff

MR JAMES Baker, the US Secretary of State, yesterday deplored the Kremlin's refusal to talk to the Baltic republics. He said in Moscow that he would press Soviet leaders to explain why they had not begun discussions with Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

"It's not encouraging to us to see the absence of a dialogue. We would like to see this resolved in a peaceful manner," Mr Baker said as he stood beside Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, before the first meeting of his visit.

The US Secretary of State is in Moscow for four days of talks to prepare for the Bush-Gorbachov summit in Washington at the end of this month.

President Bush said in Washington yesterday that the crisis over Lithuania's declaration of independence "certainly puts some tension on the summit". He said: "I'd like to see the relief of that economic pressure on Lithuania. That would clear the air fast. But until something like that happens, there will be tension."

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Five Saatchi directors quit to form rival firm

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

SAATCHI and Saatchi, the trouble-hit communications group, was rocked last night by the resignation of five senior directors from its London advertising agency, who are to form a rival company.

The five, together with three other members of the breakaway team, claim to have been responsible for around £72 million or 20 per cent of Saatchi annual billings and £15 million of new business over the past two years. All five directors were Saatchi "born and bred", with more than 50 working years' experience at London's biggest agency. The new agency is to be called Cowan, Kemsley, Taylor Ltd. Another breakway is strongly rumoured. Mr Paul Cowan, Saatchi's most experienced group account director and manager of the new agency, said yesterday: "We believe room exists for a lean and fit agency. We want to recapture the original Saatchi spirit and advertising values."

Mr Cowan, aged 38, told Mr Paul Bainsfair and Mr Bill Muirhead, managing director and chairman of the Saatchi agency, about the mass defections last night. Other directors going are Mr Adrian Kemsley, the creative executive at Saatchi with most awards and a board member since 1988; Miss Maggie Taylor, a board member since 1987 and recently promoted to divisional planning director; Mr Josh Dovey, promoted to the board in 1988 and broadcast director at Zenith Media; and Mr Charlie Makin, media group director since 1988.

Earlier this month Mr Terry Bannister and Mr Roy Warman left Saatchi and Saatchi, two years after they were appointed to the advertising group's main board, while Mr John Sharkey resigned this week as deputy chairman of Saatchi and Saatchi Advertising International. In the mid- and late-1980s, the agency lost some of the sharpness, dynamism and entrepreneurial spirit which had contributed towards its success.

Although the new Cowan, Kemsley, Taylor agency will be starting from scratch at a time when the advertising industry is coming to terms with harsh economic realities, the partners' experience and previous association with top accounts could pose problems for their former employer.

Mr Cowan's account group at Saatchis, formed in 1987, expanded its turnover from £4.5 million to £44 million with campaigns ranging from Racal Vodaphone and the Solid Fuel Campaign to Reckitt and Coleman and the launch of Plax in the UK. The creative partners in the new agency have scooped 22 industry awards since 1984.

Mr Bainsfair attempted last night to put a brave face on yesterday's developments. "I don't see it as a major problem as far as the running of the agency is concerned. Obviously I am very sad because I know these people personally, but on the other hand they are not leaving here with any business. They are not taking any accounts with them."

He emphasized that the agency had 70 directors, so the resignations would not have the impact normally associated with a company's board.

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Old fears become numbing reality at Ravenscraig

By Kerry Gill

THE vast Ravenscraig steel complex dominates the skyline above Motherwell, but, for the past decade, constant doubts over its future have cast the shadow of impending unemployment over the surrounding community in Lanarkshire.

Yesterday, British Steel announced what, for many, seemed inevitable. The all-important strip mill employing 770 people is to close, leading to the probable demise of steel manufacture in Scotland within four years.

The news came with a suddenness that almost defied belief. Mr Lawrence Hoey, aged 20, who was visiting British Steel for a job interview, said: "I was sitting there when the guy interviewing me said he had to go. He came back, his face was white, and he told me there was no point in continuing as he had no job to offer me."

Mr Hoey, from the nearby village of Craigneuk, said: "It was unreal. There I was, expecting to be offered a job, and suddenly I was told my prospective employer was shedding hundreds of jobs."

His brother, Tom, aged 22, faces a similar plight. He is studying mechanical engineering at Strathclyde University, sponsored by British Steel. He says his degree was linked to the strip mill. "With my degree, I could work anywhere, but I really want to work at the 'Craig," Mr Hoey said.

At a café near the works, Mr Peter Freenan has served the workers with snacks, cigarettes and newspapers for many years, and has recently invested money in improving the café and his shop.

"This is the worst news that I have ever had," he said. "I will be ruined. No one can afford to lose more than 700 customers. Everyone is shocked. If Ravenscraig goes, then I will probably have to go too. There is no point in trying to run a shop with nobody to sell anything to."

Others were equally pessimistic about a future without money from Ravenscraig. Mrs Elizabeth McHardy, who lives near the plant, said that Craigneuk would become a ghost village. Her niece's husband had worked at Ravenscraig for 23 years and would find it hard to find alternative employment.

Mr David Nicholson, aged 55, said: "I work in the strip mill and have a young son there, too. There will be no money coming into our house at all." He said that the workers had done all in their power to increase productivity – an effort recognized by everyone, even British Steel.

Over at one of the workers' public houses, the Era Bar, Mr Sean Gallen, the owner, said: "The closure does not make any sense. British Steel always say market forces make them axe jobs, but they are just afraid to sell off Ravenscraig because an independent competitor would put them out of business. They should sell the plant off to the Japanese, who would make a profit and keep everyone in work.

"Now my business is under threat. Normally the pub would be jumping, but it is half empty. I don't know what my future is."

Mr John Reid, Labour MP for Motherwell North, said that the strip mill closure would mean the end of Ravenscraig if British Steel were not persuaded to change its mind, a view echoed by Mr Charles Gray, leader of the Labour-run Strathclyde Regional Council. It is expected that there will be an emergency meeting of the recently formed all-party Steel Group of regional councillors.

British Steel yesterday announced that at least one "production pause" would take place at Ravenscraig. The first, from Sunday, June 10, is to last a week because of a "less favourable order book in British Steel strip products".

The company said: "It is emphasized that this is an essential business decision taken to meet current market conditions and to maximize operational, commercial and financial efficiency within the Strip Products Division."

It was expected that during the holiday weeks beginning July 22 and July 29, some iron and steel production would take place. However, the company now believes that a second shutdown may be needed before or after the holiday period.

Critics blamed as 'King' closes

By Simon Tait
Arts Correspondent

THE £3.5 million musical, *King*, which opened in London because the producers believed that unlike on Broadway "in the West End a critic can't kill a musical", is to close after only five weeks.

Based on the life of Martin Luther King, the American civil rights leader, the show at the Piccadilly Theatre was universally panned by critics. The producers were last night claiming that bad notices were responsible for the closure on June 2.

"One has heard of victory being snatched from the jaws of defeat," wrote Benedict Nightingale of *The Times*. "If anything has been snatched, it is confusion from the jaws of uncertainty."

Others were even more damning of the show, starring the opera singers Simon Estes and Cynthia Haymon. One wrote: "Throughout the performance there is no mistaking the idealism which has gone into *King*. Sadly, as this botched exercise demonstrates, there are times when idealism is not enough."

Mr Estes said last night: "I simply cannot understand why the newspapers treated the show the way they did. Every single night we have played to standing ovations.

"But our spirits are not dampened by this. We have had wonderful offers to play in the United States and in Europe, and I hear the record is selling well. Martin's dream will live through in this musical, even if it's not in London. I will be proud to be associated in any way I can."

He said he believed the musical had lost between £2.6 million and £3.3 million, but denied a rumoured £4.6 million loss which would make *King* one of the most expensive flops in West End history.

The musical, backed by a mixture of British, American and Swiss finance, faced a long series of problems. In the final months before opening, the show lost three writers and two directors. The King family withdrew their support because Mrs King believed the show "trivialized" her husband's memory, and Maya Angelou, the lyricist, sought to withdraw her name from the credits. Both later relented.

Howe urges industry to keep tight rein on pay

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

A STRONG warning that industry would have to keep a tight grip on pay and other costs to avoid recession was delivered by the Government last night.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Deputy Prime Minister and a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that the economic "soft landing" for which the Government had been aiming was proving bumpy. He said it was up to senior executives to set an example by giving themselves and their employees responsible pay settlements. Addressing the British Property Federation, Sir Geoffrey said: "There is no need for recession so long as industry keeps tight control over its costs, particularly pay."

The former Foreign Secretary underlined Mrs Margaret Thatcher's hint at the weekend that the Government is now closer to taking Britain into the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System. He spoke of the progress being made on the Madrid conditions and said the major remaining condition for British entry was a reduction in the rate of inflation.

The Deputy Prime Minister said even the present rate was less out of line than the "raw RPI" suggested. "As our interest rate strategy bears fruit – as it will – this final hurdle can be overcome and Britain will take its rightful place within the ERM."

Sir Geoffrey gave a warning that interest rates would have to stay at a high level for some time if inflation was not only to come down but stay down. "Of course when the time comes when they can be safely lowered that will happen. But to reduce them prematurely, only to increase them again, would not make any kind of sense."

He said that getting the economy back into balance meant a tight fiscal policy with a budget surplus and a tough monetary policy with high interest rates. "There is no alternative to this combination and in time it will have the desired effect. We just about halved inflation in one year in the early 1980s. So it can be done."

The resurgence of inflation was more damaging to the economy than higher interest rates, Sir Geoffrey said. Figures showed that a 1 per cent rise in interest rates, even if sustained over a whole year, raised costs by far less than a 1 per cent rise in pay deals. "The soft landing for which we have all been looking is proving to be at least as bumpy as most people have expected."

● Leaders of more than 700,000 local government, white-collar workers yesterday rejected an 8 per cent pay offer as "totally unrealistic and unacceptable". They are demanding an across-the-board rise of £1,500 which they say amounts to 14 per cent on the pay bill. Most of the union members belong to the National and Local Government Officers' Association.

A date for new talks was set for later this month. However, Mr Bob Gould, chairman of the employers' side, said that as one-in-eight staff worked for authorities whose budget was to be reduced or capped by the Government, there was a risk of services being cut and jobs lost in those areas. "The offer was fair, bearing in mind the financial position of local authorities and the need to minimize future increases in the community charge," he said.

Mr Jim White, the chief negotiator for the unions, said. "It does nothing to protect our members from the ravages of soaring interest rates or the effects of the poll tax. It is less than the rate of inflation and less than pay settlements in other sectors".

Meanwhile, the National Union of Railwaymen representing employees on London Underground accepted an offer worth 9.3 per cent over 11 months, which the company says is worth 8.6 per cent over a full year.

Odd objects attract buyers

Leaden Venus: A potential buyer at the McAlpine sale yesterday checking lot 639

COUNTRY house fever overtook buyers when Sotheby's began a two-day sale of contents from Lord McAlpine of West Green's home at Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, yesterday. (John Shaw writes).

A marquee on the lawn was packed for the sale which is expected to make £1 million. Lord McAlpine, treasurer of the Conservative Party for 15 years, was selling everything and intends to spend longer periods of his time in Australia.

Ordinary objects were used to decorate the house in an unconventional way. Shepherds crooks, policemen's truncheons, stuffed birds and duck decoys mingled with glass, fine porcelain and silver. The contents of the family wine cellar was included in the sale. Offbeat objects caught the eye and prices were bid up to high levels. A 19th-century window cleaner's ladder went for £462 (est £100-£200), while a set of 18 cushions, 14 painted by George Oakes, a famous painter at Colefax and Fowler, sold for £3,520.

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Thatcher leads strategy talks on poll tax

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

THE Prime Minister will today chair the first meeting of the group of Cabinet ministers reviewing the operation of the community charge since the council elections that gave a much-needed lift to Conservative morale.

Among other ministers present will be Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, and Mr Norman Lamont, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, his department's leading minister on the biggest policy problem facing the Government.

Mr Lamont is presiding over the toughest spending round in years and his prominent role in the review underlines the Treasury's concern about its potential cost. Mr Patten is said to be looking for an extra £3 billion in Exchequer grant for councils.

Senior ministers discussed the implications of the council elections last Thursday after their regular Cabinet meeting and without the presence of their officials. Today's gathering, however, represents the first opportunity since the local government poll to consider reforms to the community charge in detail.

The meeting is one in a series that will be culminate in an announcement in July linked to a decision about the amount of central government support local authorities will receive next year. A number of other ministers, including Mr Kenneth Baker, the Conservative Party chairman, will attend the meetings as the Government clarifies its thinking and possible changes impinge on their departments.

Today's meeting will take place against the background of the belief by ministers that people have come to accept what they regard as the principle behind the poll tax – that virtually everyone should make some contribution to local services.

They also believe that the council elections have demonstrated that it is the level of poll tax bills that is the problem, not the fundamentals of the new system for raising local government revenue.

The Government is already committed to legislation amending the Local Government Finance Act 1988 to take holiday caravans out of the poll tax net. The meetings will also seek to iron out other anomalies such as the position of people who are being forced by local authorities to pay a double community charge on second homes.

The law gives authorities discretion to charge up to twice the personal community charge in setting the standard charge for second homes and ministers are concerned that so many authorities are billing people at the maximum permitted level. Removing that discretionary power and compelling councils to levy smaller bills would also require legislation.

There are few signs, however, that ministers are near a solution to their main problem – how to ensure that extra Whitehall grant to councils next year goes towards reducing bills and is not siphoned off into higher spending. Mrs Margaret Thatcher made that the main theme of the review when she told Scottish Tories on Saturday: "Our aim won't be to protect high-spending socialist councils. It will be to give some protection to those who have to pay for them."

Mrs Thatcher said on Tuesday, however, that the structure of local authorities was a long-term issue which would probably mean it would only be tackled in the next Tory manifesto. Government sources are emphasizing this covers both the changes advocated by Mr Michael Heseltine and supported by other leading Tories – replacing the present overlapping mix of district and county councils with unitary authorities and variations on local elections triggered by the tripwire of spending above a predetermined limit.

Yesterday, Mr Heseltine reiterated his call for unitary authorities, elected, salaried mayors and competition among councils for Whitehall cash. They were a "logical extension" of existing practice. "Year by year, increasing resources could, in significant measure, be put up for competitive bidding. The discretionary programmes of government increasingly could be added to the pot."

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Flypast to mark battle anniversary

By Robin Young

THE RAF is to stage the largest flypast over London since the Queen's Coronation to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Britain on September 15.

It will take the 161 aircraft six minutes and 20 seconds to fly over Buckingham Palace starting at noon, at the height of a parade of 1,400 RAF and other personnel escorting the standards of the 17 Battle of Britain squadrons which are still operational.

The Queen will take the salute at a march past. Two Spitfires and two Hurricanes will lead the flypast which will include 15 types of aircraft.

Chess leaders

At the Zonal Tournament at Blackpool, the first leg to qualify for the 1993 world chess championship, leading scores were Daniel King and Murray Chandler 6 points out of 8; Julian Hodgson 5½ points out of 8, and Michael Adams and Mihai Suba 4½ points out of 7.

MP has cancer

Mr Eric Heffer, Labour MP for Liverpool, Walton, yesterday left an intensive care unit after surgery for stomach cancer, but will remain in Westminster Hospital, London, for a fortnight. The MP, aged 68, said last November that he will not stand at the next general election.

Arts prize day

The winners of the world's most valuable arts awards, the Praemium Imperiale Arts Prizes, awarded by the Japan Art Association and worth up to 500,000 dollars, are to be announced in London on June 21, Mr Edward Heath, an adviser on the awards, said yesterday.

Water warning

HOSE pipe bans could be imposed in Devon and Cornwall within a month, South West Water said yesterday. The region is six weeks worse off than this time last year.

Monkeys may be key to assessing BSE threat

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

FOUR marmoset monkeys may enable scientists to assess more accurately whether the fatal "mad cow" disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), can be transmitted to human beings. Laboratory studies are being carried out at the Clinical Research Centre, Harrow, to see whether the marmosets can be infected with BSE or scrapie, a closely-related brain disease in sheep, by direct injection of contaminated tissue into their brains.

"Two years and three months ago, two of the marmosets were injected with BSE and two with scrapie tissue. So far, they have shown no sign of illness, which is already quite reassuring," Dr Rosalind Ridley, the scientist in charge of the experiment, said yesterday.

Because the incubation period in monkeys is between two and four years, the animals could still develop the disease. They have, however, already stayed healthy longer than some others in previous experiments that were injected with brain tissue from human victims of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Dementia (CJD).

CJD is a form of spongiform encephalopathy in human beings which has been recorded, over the past decade, as killing about 30 people a year in England and Wales. Its cause is unknown, but it does not appear to be linked to exposure to scrapie. The incidence of CJD is the same in countries that have scrapie as in those that do not.

"In those experiments all the animals died within 36 months and the earliest deaths occurred within 22 months. So we can already say that it seems to be harder to transmit BSE or scrapie than CJD to monkeys, which would be broadly in line with previous findings," Dr Ridley said.

"If the marmosets do become infected, it would establish that BSE is transmissible to primates under optimal conditions, brain-to-brain transmission being the most efficient conceivable route, and would increase the possibility of transmission to human beings.

"Even a positive laboratory result, however, would not tell us much about the actual risk that humans face who might happen to eat BSE-infected meat."

Although cattle are believed to have acquired BSE through eating scrapie-infected material, people have been eating scrapie-infected lamb and mutton without demonstrable harm for at least two centuries. So, one of the purposes of the marmoset experiment is to see whether BSE behaves in the same way as scrapie.

Dr Ridley said that laboratory work in Britain and the United States had established two broad categories of species susceptible to transmission of the scrapie agent.

She said: "What is important here is the species barrier. On the one hand, there are sheep, cattle, goats and mice, and, on the other, human beings, monkeys and hamsters. Transmission has been found to be relatively easy to achieve in laboratory conditions within each of these groups but much harder from one group to the other."

If Dr Ridley's marmosets were to contract both BSE and scrapie, it would suggest that the species barrier may not offer human beings as much protection as had been thought. As things stand, she sees any risk as slight. "I am still eating beef," she says.

Another expert on spongiform encephalopathy, Dr Bryan Matthews, a retired professor of clinical neurology at Oxford University, said yesterday that the only sure way to find out whether any BSE infection in beef could cross to humans would be the monitoring of the incidence of CJD over many years.

Such a project began this month under the direction of Dr Robert Will, consultant neurologist at the Western Northern Hospital, Edinburgh. CJD is not a notifiable disease, and there is some concern that not all cases are diagnosed or reported.

Dr Matthews said that the Government's assertion that beef is safe to eat was "very probably true", but "scarcely scientific when the question has not yet been tested".

Separate work is being carried out by the Holstein Friesian Society and Reading University to try to identify genetic mutations in cattle that may increase susceptibility to BSE.

Farmers fear boycott by fickle public

By Lin Jenkins

TRADE was brisk in meat pies and beef sandwiches in the Banbury cattle market cafe yesterday as the conversation turned predictably to "mad cow" disease.

Next door, in ring one, farmers were showing less faith when it came to bidding £400 or more for a beef steer for fattening. The dilemma was simple. Those gathered for the sale in Oxfordshire of 1,455 head of cattle were certain of the safety of beef, but fearful of the fickle behaviour of the shopper.

"We are perfectly happy to eat beef, but the public gets hysterical about these scares. It could be the ruination of the trade," said Mr Norman Pile, aged 67, a third-generation Warwickshire farmer.

Midland Marts Ltd, whose cattle market at Banbury is the largest in Europe, has been telling people who ring its information service not to panic. Not until the weekend when families do the bulk of their shopping will farmers be able to gauge the present popularity of British beef.

Mr Ian Smethhurst, the auctioneer, tried to generate some interest as one "beefburger on the hoof" was prodded into life with a stick as it entered the ring. "He's a bit common, but so is the price."

Eleven South Devon two-year-old steers edged slowely towards their reserve price of £430. "Gentlemen, you've gone to sleep on me," he pleaded. The seller accepted £421 a head and must have regretted offering them for sale, in the old fashioned way, with £1 a head "luck money" going to the buyer.

Bidding was decidedly cautious. With four to six months to fatten a steer into one ready for the trade at about £650, buying was gamble.

Mr John Watts, who farms 250 acres in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, said: "It's a dodgy time to buy. Demand is bound to be slack and we just don't know how long it will last. But I really can't believe the public is so gullible as to stop eating beef."

Talk was chiefly about who to blame for the BSE scare. Top of the list was the Government, followed closely by the media, the scientists and the feed merchants who provided the feedstuffs thought to be the cause as they contained the remnants of sheep infected with scrapie.

Prices had already fallen at nearby Bicester market this week with some cattle making £50 a head less than similar cattle a fortnight earlier. With profit margins already slender, the industry believes it cannot sustain a slump in the market.

Mr Andrew Stephens, from Stratford-upon-Avon, said: "We might as well give up and turn the place into a golf course. There's no money to be made in beef and you can be sure the Government won't help. They think we still call them Daisy and Buttercup and do it for fun."

Porpoises take trip up the Thames

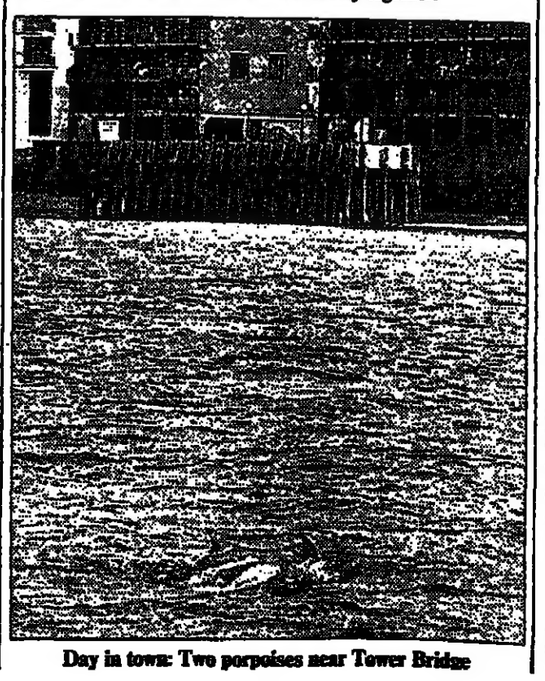
TWO porpoises made their way up the Thames yesterday to Tower Bridge.

The pair, believed to be male and female, were first sighted on the river last Friday. Since then, they have swum past the Thames Barrier and have been seen several miles further upstream, even as far as the Royal Albert Bridge in Battersea.

Although clearly rather off-course, they appeared to be quite untroubled by the flotillas of pleasure boats, tugs and river buses which cruised past. A spokesman for the Port of London Authority said: "I'm afraid they are well out of their way.".

Mr Andy Lyons, the 71-year-old skipper of the launch Wild Thing, which narrowly missed colliding with them yesterday, said he had seen a couple of porpoises by Westminster Bridge two years ago.

Mr Leroy Flavien said he had spotted "at least three" porpoises on the river by The Grapes public house in Limehouse earlier yesterday afternoon. "They seemed perfectly happy. Two of them were obviously together."



Day in town: Two porpoises near Tower Bridge

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Broken fan blade fell into engine of crash jet

By Harvey Elliott

FOR more than 15 minutes, the British Midland jet which crashed on to the M1 flew with a 9in piece of broken fan blade lodged harmlessly in the sound proofing at the front of its engine, the inquest into the 47 victims of the crash was told yesterday.

Gradually, the blade shook itself free when the jet was within 2½ miles of the runway, falling into the rapidly rotating fan and beginning a "cascading failure" of other parts which wrecked the damaged engine as the jet, under almost no power, smashed into an embankment. Mr Christopher Pollard, an air accident investigator, told the inquest jury in Loughborough that "had it stayed in the acoustic lining, there is no reason to suppose the engine would not have produced sufficient power to land safely".

The broken blade was just one in a long and complex series of events which took investigators more than a year to unravel in one of the most intensive pieces of air accident detective work and whose results, the jury was told by Mr Edward Trimble, the chief investigator, would prove "a milestone in aviation safety".

Mr Pollard described how the fan blade broke as the aircraft reached cruising height, unbalancing the fan and causing the blades to rub against a material on the rim of the engine. This was sucked into the hottest part of the engine, becoming a "huge and dramatic gout of flame which could have been as long as 25ft".

The engine then stabilized and continued under very low power almost normally although it was still unbalanced. Only when more power was sought did the broken blade shake itself free and fall into the engine, breaking into dozens of pieces some of which were found in the piggery of an agricultural college.

A team of five investigators gradually rebuilt the fan from dozens of pieces and subjected it to metalurgical tests until they found precisely which blade had broken. At first, they did not realize that all engines of that type were at risk of failure and assumed that there was a fault in one particular blade. Only when two other aircraft had similar failures did they decide there was "a generic problem".

Tests at the engine manufacturers eventually proved that the failure had been caused by aerodynamic vibrations set up under the particular conditions of climb, altitude and power although none of the tests conducted by CFM International in France showed vibration levels sufficient to lead to catastrophe.

Mr Pollard said that the engine – a CFM 56-3C – had not been tested in flight but had been subjected to intensive tests on the ground. Until this accident, engine manufacturers had always discovered potential problems by simulating take-offs and landings and high altitude flight. He said that the reason the engine had been tested on the ground and not in flight was because of the need to attach monitoring instruments to many parts to establish just where any potential problems might lie.

"This is the first incident where such a test has failed to reveal such vibration," Mr Pollard said. "It invalidates the test although I am satisfied that the methods used by the company were satisfactory. With hindsight, the increase in power required by the 33 engine proved to be significant."

When the blade first failed, the engine began a series of "stalls" which eventually stabilized when the pilots throttled back both engines. Unfortunately, they believed that the right hand engine was the one giving the trouble and closed it down when in fact it was the left hand engine. When they asked for more power, it vibrated so strongly that fuel and oil pipes shook themselves loose, allowing oil and fuel to gather in the hot part of the engine and cause a fire. The inquest continues today.

Officer's convictions quashed

By David Young

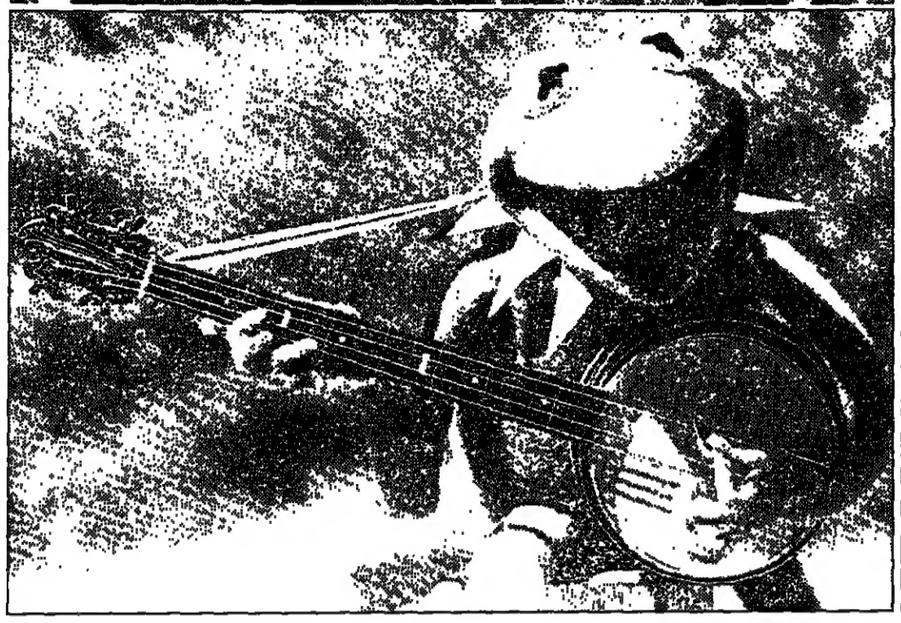
A NAVAL officer who was found guilty of two charges of ill-treating a fellow officer during a survival training exercise has had his court martial convictions quashed.

Lieutenant Gordon Smith, aged 36, was tried in February at Portsmouth charged with the ill-treatment of Lt Simon Rowland, contrary to Section 36A of the Naval Discipline Act 1957. Lt Rowland, of Newton Abbot, Dorset, collapsed during a training exercise supervized by Lt Smith, an instructor at the Royal Navy Survival Equipment School in Hampshire.

The court martial was told that Lt Smith pulled the then Sub-Lt Rowland by the hair and punched him on the back of the head after he collapsed with heatstroke. The officer, aged 23, spent 15 days in a coma.

The MoD said yesterday that the Admiralty Board had concluded that the convictions verdict might not have been reached if it had been directed in accordance with a Court of Appeal judgement and so must be regarded as unsafe. It has directed that they be quashed.

Henson, creator of the Muppets, dies aged 53



The puppet man: Jim Henson surrounded by his creations – Miss Piggy, Kermit, the ever reluctant target of her affections, and, from *The Dark Crystal*, Treasurer Skeksis

From James Bone
New York

MR JIM Henson, the puppeteer who made learning fun for the television generation by creating the Muppets, died unexpectedly at a New York hospital yesterday after being admitted 21 hours earlier as an emergency patient. The hospital said that Mr Henson, aged 53, died of a bacterial infection.

Mr Henson, who was born in Greenville, Mississippi, fell in love with puppeteering as a teenager. Friends said he was the kind of child who watched Peter Pan fly but always kept an eye on the strings to see how it was done. In the 1950s, he crossed puppets with marionettes to create Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy and the ever-complaining Oscar the Grouch, and they made their début on a local television station in Washington DC in 1959.

The lovable foam-rubber and flannel characters became international superstars, however, only when they began to appear in 1969 on the hit children's television show *Sesame Street*. The show aimed to teach mathematics and English to children between one and five years old, but its all-too-human cast made it an instant hit with adults, reawakening interest in the art of puppeteering. It is now seen regularly in more than 80 countries.

Peggy Charren, founder of Action for Children's Television in Cambridge, Massachusetts, said of Mr Henson: "He could make you laugh while you're crying."

Mr Henson, the voice of Kermit, did not achieve his ambition for a separate *The Muppets Show* until he took the act to Britain in the 1970s and got the backing of Lord Grade. His support helped attract such guest stars as Bob Hope and Frank Sinatra.

The Muppets moved to the United States and received immediate syndication. Televised since 1976, it reaches an audience of some 235 million viewers in 100 countries, with Russia soon to join its audience. It has won two television Emmys

As well as puppets, Mr Henson was a master animator. His first animated series, *Muppet Babies*, won four consecutive Emmy Awards starting in 1984 and is at present in its sixth season on CBS-TV. The show is broadcast in more than 50 countries. Scheduled for release later this year is *The Witches*, a feature film based on a story by Roald Dahl.

Mr Henson collaborated on his projects with his wife, Jane, one of his former puppetry students. The two, who have five children, worked from an office and factory in two converted buildings on East 69th Street, Manhattan.

The Hensons' townhouse in New York is something of a local legend because of its unique decoration. It boasts a Kermit the Frog telephone, papier-maché Mooseheads, Miss Piggy wallpaper and even a Kermit portrait in the style of Gainsborough.

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Police accused of neglecting murder victims' families

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

FAMILIES of murder victims are often neglected or treated with insensitivity by the police and other criminal justice agencies, according to a report published yesterday which calls for a comprehensive support service.

The report, which cites examples of blood-stained clothing being returned to relatives in bags marked "contaminated – health risk", and of burials and cremations being delayed for up to three months, says families suffering violent bereavement need to be better understood, better informed and given more choice in questions such as who should identify the body.

Victim Support, which carried out the research, says the intense grief such families feel is made worse by their contact, or more often, lack of contact, with social services, the police, courts and the Crown Prosecution Service. More than 75 per cent of the 80 families who participated in the charity's two-year research complained about the police's failure to provide them quickly with full details of how the victim died. Several had first learnt about the murder through the media.

The report says relatives need to be kept better informed about the dates of inquests, court hearings, changes in charges and the reasons behind them. They should also be told when the murderer is released from prison.

The research cites two cases in which the victims' families only discovered the killers had been released when relatives saw them in the street. Families should be told precisely how the victim had died, even where the death had been brutal. More than half those interviewed felt betrayed by being given patchy details.

The researchers call for the creation of an advisory and counselling service led by Victim Support and makes 20 recommendations. These include calls for coroners to restrict the defence to one post-mortem examination, stipulating the last date by which it should be conducted; for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board to increase awards to families and consider meeting funeral expenses automatically; and for an officer to be assigned in each case to tell relatives of police progress.

Anglo-Catholics oppose Habgood

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

ANGLO-CATHOLIC leaders in the Church of England have made it clear they would not welcome the appointment of the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, as the next Archbishop of Canterbury. Conservative evangelical leaders have already indicated their disapproval.

In a statement to be sent to the Crown Appointments Commission, the Church Union – the principal Anglo-Catholic organization – has demanded that the commission should ensure that the two names submitted to the Prime Minister should "accept unequivocally the authority of Holy Scripture and the doctrines enshrined in the historic creeds of the Catholic Church and the official formularies of the Church of England".

A leading member of the Church Union said the criteria were designed to exclude Dr Habgood, on the assumption that his refusal to interpret such doctrines as the Virgin Birth in a strictly literal sense amounted to a rejection of the authority of Scripture and the creeds. That is not, however, a point Dr Habgood himself has ever conceded, and he recently stated on television that he believed the doctrine as defined in the creed.

Leaders of the Church Union had a private meeting recently at which they discussed possible successors to Dr Robert Runcie, from which their statement emanated. The indications were that their first preference was for the Bishop of Winchester, the Right Rev Colin James, who is himself an Anglo-Catholic.

Dr Habgood: Scepticism over his biblical views

Among non-Anglo Catholics, the candidacy of the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Right Rev John Waine, was regarded as very supportable; and there have been hints that the titular leader of the Anglo-Catholics in the Church of England, the Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, also inclines towards Bishop Waine.

The Church Union leadership was apparently not enthusiastic towards Dr Robert Eames, the Archbishop of Armagh, whose place in the selection process is bound to be affected by the imminent decision of the Church of Ireland to start ordaining women. The General Synod meets in Dublin today for a final decision, after the passing of a church Bill by a two-thirds majority on Tuesday. That may make Dr Eames more attractive as a candidate for those who support the ordination of women in England, but even less so to opponents, including members of the Church Union.

The Anglican Evangelical Assembly passed a resolution at its annual meeting last week which was also interpreted as against Dr Habgood. It called for an Archbishop of Canterbury who was "biblically grounded" with a "Christ-centred orthodox theology".

In his speech to the Dublin synod before Tuesday's vote, Dr Eames avoided trying to influence the Synod decision, but pointed to the "sharp division" throughout the Anglican communion on this issue. The vote was carried overwhelmingly among the laity, but only just obtained a two-thirds majority among the clergy.

Runaway wagon kills four

By Mark Souster

LONDON Underground has launched an inquiry into the deaths of four workmen who were crushed to death while carrying out maintenance work yesterday. The Railway Inspectorate has also been informed.

The accident happened at 2am as the men worked on a section of overground track shared with British Rail, between Chorleywood and Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, on the Metropolitan Line. Rush hours services were disrupted.

The men are understood to have died when they were hit by a trailer wagon weighing 18 tons which had rolled down an incline for about a mile. The wagon then collided with a tamping machine, used to pack down ballast between track sleepers.

Mr Alan Osborne, London Underground's safety services manager who will head the inquiry, said the noise from the tamping machine would have drowned out the approach of the wagon, which should have been parked with its brakes on.

He said: "This sort of accident has never happened on London Underground before. We put a lot of emphasis on safety and so we want to get to the bottom of how this was caused."

The dead men, who were part of a nine-strong team, were named as Mr Patrick O'Connor, aged 52, Mr Melvin Pounder, aged 41, Mr Deon Newell, aged 22, all underground staff from London; and Mr Ernest Clark, aged 40, from Scotland, the owner of the machine, which was on hire.

£7,500 award for beaten Maze escaper

By Edward Gorman
Irish affairs correspondent

A PRISONER assaulted by staff at the Maze top security jail after the mass escape by IRA men in 1983 was awarded record compensation of £7,500 yesterday. The award to Joseph Simpson, aged 38, of Andersonstown, west Belfast, was announced at the High Court in Belfast after the settlement of his case against the Northern Ireland office, which did not admit liability but agreed to pay costs estimated at £5,000.

The award brings to £45,500 the total paid in compensation to prisoners in the jail at the time of the breakout and solicitors believe it sets a new benchmark for the 18 claims still outstanding. One leading Belfast solicitor said: "This very much ups the ante for the rest of them, although each case is assessed individually. Obviously Simpson's injuries were serious enough to merit a substantial sum."

Other experienced observers interpreted the award as evidence that the Government had decided to offer substantial settlements to avoid further political embarrassment over the affair. It was the first award since a Supreme Court judgement in Dublin in March when two IRA men, who escaped from the Maze, were set free on grounds that they could face ill-treatment by officers at the jail on their return.

The court quoted extensively from a judgement by Sir Brian Hutton, the Lord Chief Justice in Northern Ireland, in an earlier Maze compensation claim in which he said that not only had the prisoner in question been ill-treated but prison officers had lied to the court. Simpson is due for release in 1993 after completing a 20-year sentence for attempted murder which was increased by five years for escaping.

He claimed he was punched and kicked by prison staff after being brought back to the Maze after escaping. He also said he was dragged along the ground while wearing only underpants and pushed into a door frame, causing a head wound which required stitches.

Simpson's is the first of 19 claims brought by prisoners who escaped. Last January, 22 prisoners who failed to break out were awarded a total of £38,000 for injuries received at the hands of prison officers.

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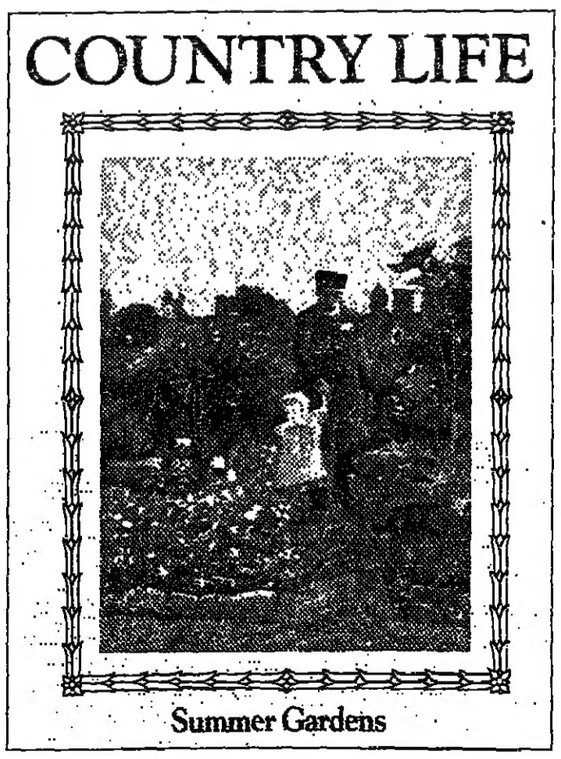

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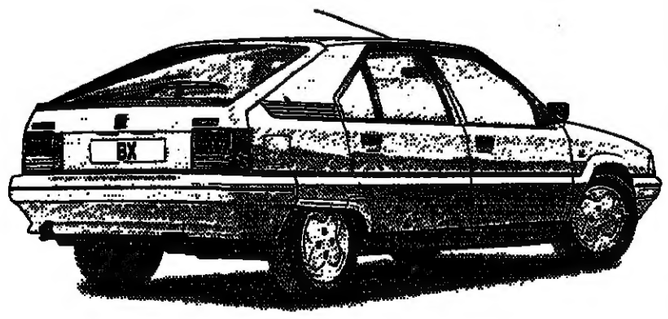

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Lords press for language teaching in infant school

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

BRITISH schoolchildren will stand little chance of competing on equal terms within the European Community while there is a shortage of teachers and an instinctive resistance at all levels of society to learning foreign languages, a House of Lords committee says today.

The peers recommend urgent action to encourage pupils of all abilities to learn at least one or two foreign languages from primary school age through to the end of their secondary school education.

In particular, the Lords European Communities committee demands that the attitude of British society towards modern foreign language learning must change. "The committee call on the Government to launch a campaign bringing together all strands of current European awareness advertising in the context of the completion of the internal market and uttering the death knell of the monoglot tradition of English society.

"Teachers and pupils, parents and politicians, employees and employers must all be made aware of the vital importance of modern foreign language learning as a means of communication and cross-cultural understanding and as an aid to business and overseas trade," it says.

The committee, chaired by Lady Lockwood, holds out little hope of improving foreign language education while there is a shortage of at least 1,750 qualified modern language teachers – the equivalent to 11 per cent – which is considered by peers to be a conservative estimate.

"The shortage of modern foreign language teachers in the UK has already reached crisis level and is likely to worsen," it says. "Urgent action is needed on the three main sources of complaint by teachers: status, conditions and pay." The committee recommends special schemes to encourage qualified teachers with children back to the classroom by providing flexible working hours and the employment of qualified teachers from other EC nations.

The report also criticizes the Government's legislation preventing schools from charging for many outside activities which, teachers' organizations told the committee, is stopping exchange visits and school trips abroad.

The peers found that the number of pupils taking A level French, for example, has fallen by more than 10 per cent in eight years to 18,000. More girls than boys took language examinations.

The committee concludes: "The UK stands out amongst the member states for its poor provision of modern foreign language teaching in the primary sector." There was widespread evidence that languages were learnt more easily and accents acquired more perfectly at a young age.

● A £3 million package of educational programmes intended to prepare British people for the language, business and consumer challenges posed by Europe and 1992 was launched yesterday by the BBC (Richard Evans writes).

The initiative coincides with a Gallup survey carried out for the BBC which shows that while 86 per cent of the British public think that European Community affairs are important for the UK, three out of four people do not feel well informed about what the Single European Market in 1992 means for Britain.

Radio and television programmes will range over languages, business and the effects of the single market on the individual. *You and 92*, a television series of 10 programmes, each of 35 minutes, explores Britain's readiness for 1992.

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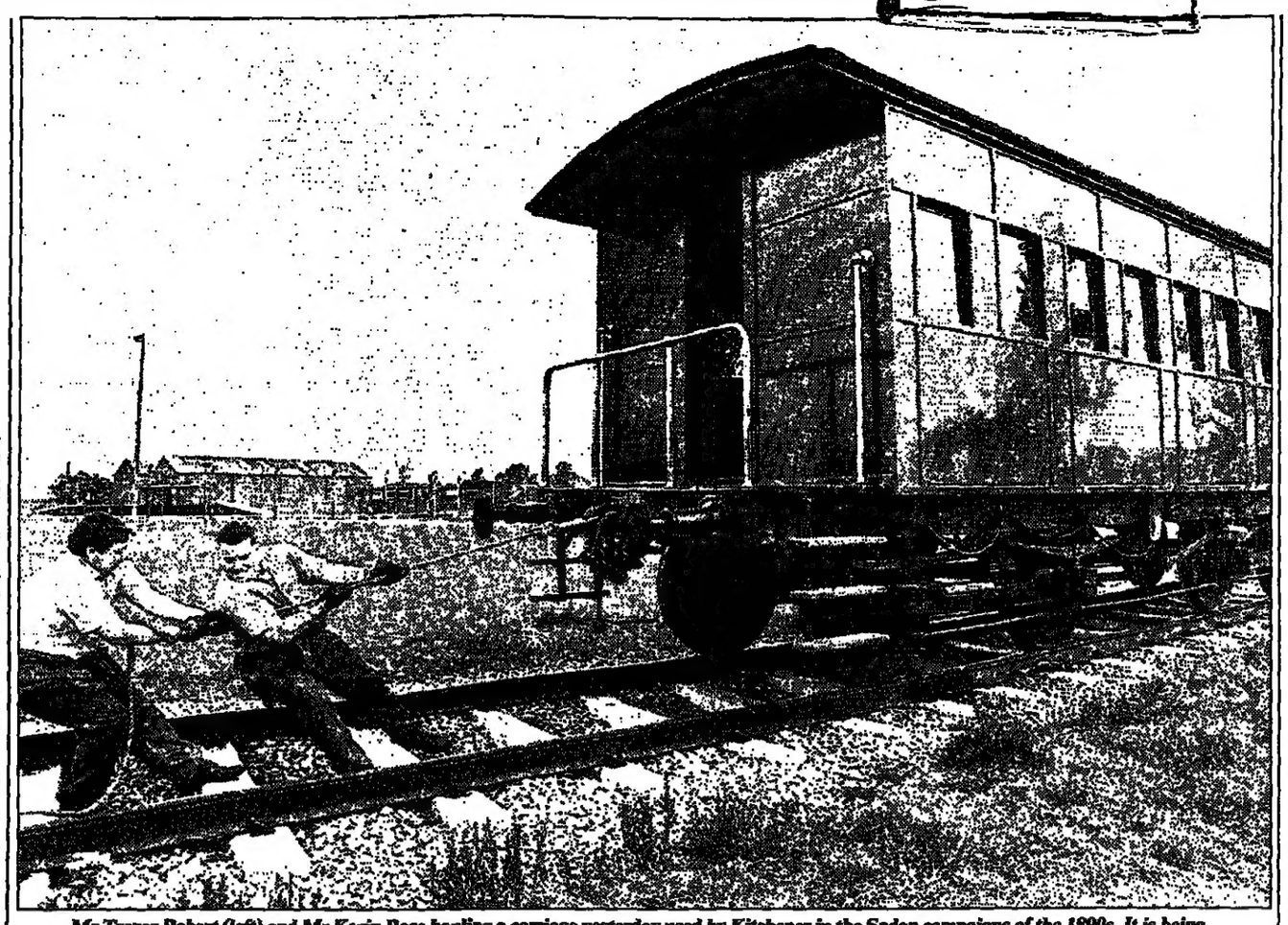

Mr Trevor Robert (left) and Mr Kevin Rose hauling a carriage yesterday used by Kitchener in the Sudan campaigns of the 1890s. It is being transferred from a Ministry of Defence site in Shoeburyness, Essex, to the Museum of Army Transport in Beverley, Humberside

TV campaign aims to lure teachers back to class

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

MR JOHN MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education, yesterday defended a £2.2 million advertising campaign to recruit teachers.

Dismissing suggestions that the money should have been spent on improving teachers' pay, he said the advertisements would help to raise the standing of the teaching profession in the public eye.

"If we had put the money into teachers' pay it would have produced a minuscule effect. Criticism of this campaign is wholly misplaced. We would have deserved criticism if we had not done it."

The campaign, produced by the advertising agency Saatchi and Saatchi, started with advertisements on TV South, Thames and Central Television before *News at Ten* last night. Viewers saw pupils learning about chemistry and French from teachers who are clearly friendly and committed. The slogan for the campaign is "Teaching brings out the best in people".

There will also be a series of national newspaper advertisements featuring classroom photographs including a boy aged 14 gazing amorously at a girl companion. The caption says: "It's quite a challenge making fractional distillation more interesting than sex."

Mr MacGregor said: "There has never been a better time to become a teacher. The exciting developments of the GCSE and the National Curriculum provide a stimulating environemnt in which to work. People need to be aware of the professionalism required and the job satisfaction to be gained from teaching. There is no doubt that it offers a challenging and rewarding career."

The minister said no target had been set for the number of people it was hoped the campaign would attract but its success would be carefully monitored. He believed the campaign would be welcomed by teachers.

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, accused Mr MacGregor of promoting an "ivory towers" image of classroom life. He said: "It is ridiculous to suggest that teaching brings out the best in people. Any new teacher has to be a complete bastard for the first six months. The golden rule is not to smile at all for the first year in order to gain control. Only then can you afford to be friendly to the kids."

Mr Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, welcomed the campaign but added: "The Government can no longer claim that there is no problem of teacher recruitment in schools. I welcome the fact that they are trying to interest youngsters in teaching but it will take more than advertising to do that. Once the young people look at pay levels they will see that by the standards of ICI, Esso and IBM, teaching is very much an also-ran."

Mr Tony Cleaver, chief executive of IBM (UK) Ltd, said: "I am anxious to see this campaign succeed. It is absolutely essential that our young people get the highest quality education if Britain is to play its full part in the intensely competitive decade of the 1990s."

The launch of the campaign in London, which had been attacked earlier by the Labour Party as "glitz and tinsel", coincided with the publication of a report by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools on previous recruitment initiatives.

The inspectors said recruitment levels to teacher-training courses in technology, mathematics and physics had been disappointing in spite of two years of government initiatives designed to boost interest. Recruitment to courses in technology had been stronger than in the other subjects but physics did least well.

It added that the financial difficulties facing students embarking on post-graduate Certificate of Education courses and the inconvenient location of courses contributed to the low levels of recruitment.

Tories attacked by Lord Joseph over child benefit

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

A POWERFUL assault on the Government's record on the family and a call for the reintroduction of child tax allowances is to be published today by one of the Prime Minister's closest allies.

Lord Joseph, the former Cabinet minister and Mrs Margaret Thatcher's mentor during her early years as party leader, accuses the Conservatives of "effective discrimination" against the family through tax changes and freezing child benefit.

He is also critical of the decision to give tax concessions for childcare to working mothers while "ignoring" those who stay at home when their children are young. This is not a "balanced" treatment of the family.

He urges the Government to give one-earner couples a tax allowance equal to that enjoyed by families with two incomes, an idea dropped by the Government in its introduction of separate taxation of husband and wife.

Lord Joseph said that the family is at risk of disintegrating under such pressures as casual sex, rising levels of divorce and separation, a "huge" abortion rate, and child and drug abuse. The Government has added a financial "squeeze" to the culturally and spiritually hostile framework in which children are being reared.

"No government can guarantee that parents will bring up their children well. But we can at least end the present fiscal discouragement of doing so. If we did, fewer young might commit crime, more young might learn well in both their homes and their schools, and cycles of disadvantage might wane," he concludes.

Lord Joseph's intervention in a paper published by the Centre for Policy Studies, the think-tank he co-founded with Mrs Thatcher in the mid-1970s, is part of a campaign by the centre for the restoration of child tax allowances, scrapped by the last Labour government, to run alongside existing child benefit.

The proposal is endorsed by Lord Joseph, but his paper, which has been given to the Prime Minister, is also part of a wider move by Tory policy-makers to propel the state of the family to the top of the political agenda and ensure it is a prime theme in the next Tory manifesto.

Unlike other Western European countries, Britain has failed to maintain tax and benefit systems designed to ensure that the living standards of families are roughly equivalent to those of their childless counterparts. In 1988, spending on each person in families with dependent children fell from £73.74 a week when the mother was working to £54.31 a week when she stayed at home.

Rewards of Parenthood. Towards more equitable tax treatment. By Lord Joseph. (Centre for Policy Studies, 8 Wilfred Street, London SW1E 6PL. £2.25 incl p&p, 16pp).

Threat to airlines flouting security

AIRLINES could be grounded if they fail to comply with Department of Transport security directives under new powers expected to be introduced soon.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, said airlines had been asked to put forward proposals for security checks on all hold baggage. "I read that some of them were thinking of not co-operating. When the Act is in place, I will have the power to give directions. If airlines don't observe them, I'll have the power to ground them. Whether people agree or not, it will have to be done."

Mr Parkinson was speaking at the opening of the £110 million Terminal Three redevelopment at Heathrow airport, the day after a presidential commission condemned security lapses by Pan Am and the American Federal Aviation Administration before and after the Lockerbie bombing that killed 270 people in December 1988.

The commission report recommended that the United States launch pre-emptive strikes against terrorist groups but Mr Parkinson opposed such a strategy, while declining to comment on the report until he had studied it. He said security arrangements at Heathrow were being tightened, with all 55,000 airport staff having their every movement checked. "We have extended the search into baggage on American airlines going to America to 100 per cent. We've increased the inspection of baggage on other flights. We now take random checks of flights and take a proportion of baggage off flights. We have tried to learn the lessons of Lockerbie, but as the various investigations come to their conclusion and report, if more needs to be done, it will be done."

Mr Parkinson promised relatives of the victims that there would be a full public fatal accident inquiry besides the Air Accident Board investigation now under way.

In the United States, meanwhile, Pan Am took out full-page newspaper advertisements to counter the report's criticisms. The advertisements proposed a six-point plan of action under which governments would assume direct responsibility for airline security, agree on uniform international standards and accelerate research into counter-terrorist technology. The airline claimed that "before, during and after the crisis, we put forth every effort humanly possible".

The White House indicated that a "good deal" of the report's 60 recommendations would be implemented, but has refused to comment on the call for pre-emptive strikes against terrorist organizations.

Mr James Busey, head of the Federal Aviation Administration, accepted that "the system was flawed, mistakes were made" and announced the creation of a working group to analyse the commission's recommendations for an overhaul of his agency.

Conflict of interest denied

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

MR MICHAEL Mates, the Conservative MP for Hampshire East, yesterday strongly denied there was any conflict of interest between his business activities and his chairmanship of the cross-party Commons select committee on defence.

He also dismissed an allegation that the Americans had complained to the Ministry of Defence about the pressure and lobbying activities of a chairman of a select committee.

Denouncing Mr Tam Dalyell, a Labour backbencher, for making the claim under parliamentary privilege, Mr Mates said it was without foundation. He said it was alleged that last September he was in the Pentagon in Washington lobbying for a public relations company. In the Register of Members' Interests Mr Mates is listed as a partner in Chelsham Consultants, whose clients include Booth Engineering Ltd, Court Trust Ltd, Good Relations Ltd, Link-Miles Ltd, London Oriental Carpets Ltd, National Computing Centre Ltd, Performing Rights Society and SGL Ltd.

Mr Mates: Rejected Mr Dalyell's claims

Mr Mates said the claim was untrue and that the firm had not started trading until January 1990. He said it was a Labour member of the committee who had suggested they seek memoranda from simulator companies in the UK. At his instigation, the four manufacturers were asked to make submissions.

He said he had advised one of the companies over the past four years, but had no contact with them over the preparation of their memorandum.

Open verdict on French villa drowning

By Robin Young

AN OPEN verdict was recorded yesterday on a woman who drowned in the swimming pool at her French villa after the coroner had heard that the lover, with whom she had quarrelled and in whose favour her will may have been forged, had refused to come from France to give evidence.

Dr Paul Knapman, the Westminster Coroner, said there was little evidence that Mrs Patricia Simons, of Park Village East, Camden Town, north-west London, had been murdered. He could see no need for police investigations to be pursued further.

Mrs Simons, aged 36, was found drowned in the swimming pool at her villa in Antibes on August 22 last year. Mrs Vivienne MacRae, of Welwyn, Hertfordshire, told the inquest she had been staying at the villa, with M Claude Roche and Mrs Simons' boyfriend, Mr Mark Dorrington-Niblett. She said that there had been a "bad atmosphere" at dinner on the evening before Mrs Simons's death.

"Mark and Claude had called her a 'bird' in French. It was only a joke but she took it rather seriously and they began to row. When we got back to the villa, she and Mark continued rowing in their room. It sounded very violent and went on for some time. I could hear doors and shutters slamming."

Mrs MacRae said she fell asleep, but awoke to hear Mrs Simons calling her name. "When I went out to the pool it was in darkness but I could see her floating below the surface of the water in the deep end. We tried to revive her but it was no use."

Mrs MacRae added that a few days before her death, Mrs Simons had asked her whether she thought Mr Dorrington-Niblett was after her money. Mrs MacRae said: "She was talking in terms of Mark being a kept man. I think she was very upset about it. "Before the incident, Mrs MacRae said, her friend had been unsure about what to do with her will and whether to leave the villa to her lover.

Detective Inspector Peter Turner said he had met difficulties from the French authorities in investigating Mrs Simons's death. The local magistrate had refused him permission to enter the area to pursue his inquiries. Mr Turner said that Mr Dorrington-Niblett had an alibi in that a friend had seen him returning to his villa at 2am, which was about the time of Mrs Simons's death.

Under Mrs Simons's will, Mr Turner said, the villa in Antibes had been bequeathed to Mr Dorrington-Niblett, but a handwriting specialist had analysed the will and felt that it could be a forgery.

A post-mortem examination by French doctors revealed that Mrs Simons had two and a half times the legal limit of alcohol in her blood when she died. Dr Richard Shepherd, a pathologist, told the inquest: "It is inadvisable to swim with such an alcohol level. Mrs Simons died from drowning."

Last night a lawyer representing Mrs Simons's estranged husband, Mr Edward Simons, a company director, said her will was likely to be contested.

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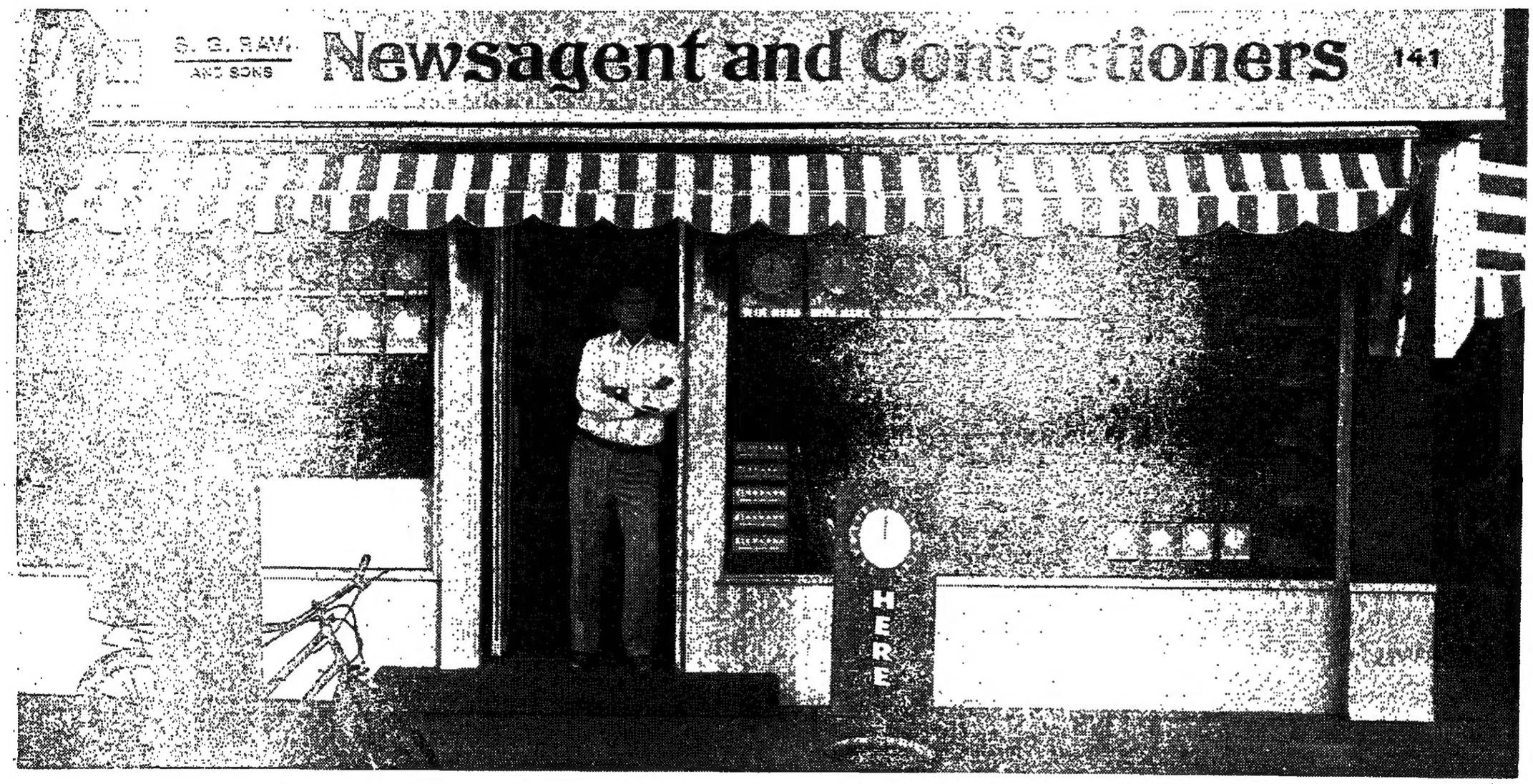

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Peers head for clash on war crimes

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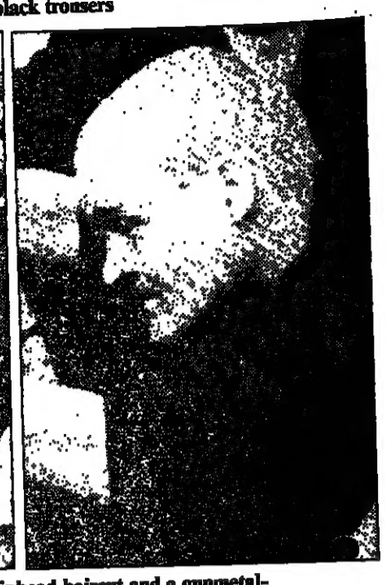
Police ask for help to identify poll tax rioters

A man of 5ft 10-11in, with brown hair which was long at the back. He was wearing stained or greasy trousers and was seen at the south-east corner of Trafalgar Square

A man of about 6ft with brown bushy hair, wearing a long, green waxed jacket, shirt with a prominent skull motif, and black trousers

A man in his early 20s with short dark brown hair, which was long at the back. He wore four ear-rings, beige trousers and a black jacket



A man in his 20s, height about 5ft 10ins, with a skinhead haircut and a gunmetal-colour jacket. The police are not concerned with anyone else in these pictures

DETECTIVES investigating the poll tax riot in central London at the end of March have gathered more than 2,500 photographs of suspects taken during disorder which led to 1,800 reported crimes and damage estimated to cost over £2 million (Stewart Tendler writes). A total of 452 arrests have been made.

Det Chief Supt Roy Ramm disclosed the progress made by the 134 members of the Scotland Yard investigation team as he appealed for help in identifying four men and a woman photographed by police during the riots. The five were seen in Whitehall or Trafalgar Square.

Mr Ramm said photographs issued last weekend had led to the identification of half the people shown and two arrests. The police were now seeking others seen in those pictures, including a woman. The women in the new photographs was outside South Africa House where there was disorder.

Asked whether investigations had shown any organized group behind the trouble, Mr Ramm said no evidence had emerged to prove organization. However, there was evidence to show that some incidents were arranged, including the sit-down in Whitehall, opposite Downing Street, which became a flashpoint. Analysis of the arrests made by the police shows that 37 detainees had some affiliation with animal rights organizations. Mr Ramm pointed out that they might also have links with other groups.

He said the Yard's investigation was concentrating on identifying those involved in a number of flashpoint incidents. It would be unrealistic to say the police would arrest everyone involved on the day.

So far the charges range from attempted murder for a man accused of thrusting an 8ft steel rod through the front section of a police van, to theft, criminal damage and public order breaches. Minor cases have already been dealt with by courts.

The collection of pictures is at a south London police station and all officers who were on duty on the day are being called to look at them. The police are also in contact with other forces across the country for information on groups such as squatters and travellers.

A woman of about 5ft 5ins in her late teens or early 20s. She was seen outside South Africa House

Peers head for clash on war crimes

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

THE Government is to consider overriding the House of Lords if it throws out the Bill allowing suspected Nazi war criminals to be brought to trial in Britain.

Senior Cabinet ministers are prepared to risk a constitutional clash by reintroducing the Bill and forcing it through under the Parliament Act of 1911 during the next session of Parliament. There is a possibility that the Lords will reject the Bill when it comes up for second reading on June 4. If so, senior ministers are making plain that the Government will then consider invoking the Parliament Act.

Under it a Bill can be passed without the agreement of the House of Lords if it is passed twice by the Commons and rejected twice by the Lords in successive sessions of Parliament.

The Act stipulates that a year must elapse between the second reading of the Bill in the Commons in the first of these sessions and the completion of its passage through the Commons in the second.

The Bill was given a second reading in the Commons by 273 votes to 60 on March 19. If the Parliament Act procedure were used, therefore, it could not become law until the spring of next year.

Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, and other senior ministers believe that the size of the Commons majority, on a free vote, gives the Government the authority to reintroduce the Bill if necessary.

Ministers have refrained from making public statements about the Government's intentions to avoid antagonizing peers before the June vote. Mr Waddington and his colleagues are, however, anxious that legislation for which considerable preparation has taken place and for which there is democratic support in the Commons, should go through. If the Bill is lost for this session the Cabinet will be urged by some senior ministers to reintroduce it at the start of the next session.

Mr Waddington has announced that a team of nine police officers will investigate the cases against the suspected war criminals. They will follow up evidence to the Hetherington-Chalmers inquiry into war crimes which confirmed there is sufficient evidence for the prospect of fair trials in Britain.

If the Cabinet decides to reintroduce the Bill next session the clear hope of ministers will be that the Lords will back down rather than frustrate the will of the Commons.

No Act has been passed under the Parliament Act for the past 40 years but the last Labour government twice reintroduced Bills in subsequent sessions after they had been rejected by the Lords. On both occasions the Lords backed down and allowed them through.

Britain vows to limit size of CO_2 discharge

From Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent, Bergen

BRITAIN will have a comprehensive national strategy within six months for controlling emissions of carbon dioxide (CO_2), the gas from coal-fired power-stations and vehicles mainly responsible for global warming, Mr David Trippier, Minister for Environment and Countryside, said yesterday.

The commitment, which will affect almost every citizen, is likely to mean campaigns for saving domestic and industrial energy and improving vehicle efficiency or even restricting traffic growth.

Mr Trippier said the commitment would have "enormous implications" for energy and transport policy. He spoke of "dramatic" policy changes and said it would cause "a lot of pain and anguish. But there is a problem with the climate. We must respond, and respond we will."

Mr Trippier told British journalists at the end of the Bergen conference on sustainable development that the Government would "definitely" fix a target for stabilization of CO_2 emissions before the end of the World Climate Conference which finishes in Geneva on November 6. Achieving the target would involve a comprehensive national strategy, he said.

Since the Noordwijk international meeting on climate change last November, Britain has been committed to CO_2 stabilization by 2000. The crucial question of the level at which this should be done — the level, for example, of 1990 — has been left open, and until yesterday there was no indication of when it would be decided.

Mr Trippier gave no hint of any level the Government may have in mind, but some European Community countries favour "present levels" or even the level of 1998, to be achieved by the end of the century. Adopting a target for controlling CO_2 implies an end to the unrestricted growth of both the electricity industry and the road transport sector.

Asked about the possible effect on the Government's electricity privatization plans, Mr Trippier referred the matter to Mr John Wakeham, Secretary of State for Energy, but said: "You cannot suggest that this has not been thought through. All of this has been taken into account by the energy secretary."

Britain would have to move dramatically down the road of energy efficiency, he said, and this would be addressed in the Environment White Paper to be published in the autumn, which is being prepared by Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, and which might well be the document in which the CO_2 strategy is outlined.

Mr Trippier was asked about a recent statement by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, that he did not personally think substantial cuts in CO_2 emissions from motor vehicles could be achieved "in the short term," by which he meant by the year 2000. Mr Trippier said: "We will have to address the problem of transport in the White Paper."

The costs of a global warming strategy, which a few countries such as The Netherlands have adopted, are likely to be considerable. Mr Trippier said that the question of costs was being studied. He added: "We have never said that it would be cost-free."

He made no reference to fiscal or other measures the Government might consider to restrict, for example, movements of cars or to encourage energy efficiency.

CO_2 emissions from motor vehicles, which represent 18 per cent of the British CO_2 total, have risen steeply in recent years from 21 million tonnes in 1982 to 28 million tonnes in 1988.

Emissions from power stations, which are the largest sector with 33 per cent of the total, have stayed steady or declined in recent years to their present figure of 52 million tonnes. They are set to rise.

The inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change, the body sponsored by the United Nations studying the possible consequences of the greenhouse effect for the world community, is due to publish its first report a week tomorrow.

Aids risk higher for females

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

WOMEN are twice as much at risk of contracting the Aids virus through sex as men and the number of cases among British women has doubled in the last year, a conference organized in London by the National Aids Trust and attended by the Princess of Wales was told yesterday.

Dr Anne Johnson, of the Middlesex Hospital, London, a leading researcher, said 117 women were known to have developed Aids in Britain and more than 1,300 others have been recorded as carrying the virus.

Studies showed that up to 30 per cent of women having sex with an infected man became infected, while up to only 13 per cent of men became HIV positive after sex with an infected woman.

The reasons why women appear to be more vulnerable were not fully understood, she said. "We are seeing the second wave of the Aids epidemic in Britain. It is following the same pattern as in the United States where it began among homosexuals and moved into heterosexuals, primarily through intravenous drug abuse."

British football supporters travelling to the World Cup in Italy next month should take condoms with them, Dr Judy Bury of Lothian Health Board, Edinburgh, told the conference. "There is a lot of HIV infection in Italy and there will be many young men going to the World Cup who have HIV and do not know it."

Upland areas 'in peril' from man

By Kerry Gill

THE uplands of Britain, including moorland, woods, high peaks and plateaux, are in jeopardy and in need of urgent help, according to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, which is to campaign for their defence.

The society says that more than one million hectares have been planted with alien conifers since the Second World War, that huge moorland tracts have been converted for grazing, and that new roads and leisure facilities are damaging mountain areas.

Launching an appeal for £750,000 to help fund the campaign, the society said that it would present alternative proposals for forestry and farming to ministers, suggest better upland management, inform the public about the threats to upland areas and tackle the persecution of birds of prey.

Dr Art Lance, the society's conservation officer, said: "For centuries, man and wildlife have lived in the uplands side by side, but in recent decades exploitation has brought them into conflict. Without immediate help, some of our country's most beautiful and important wildlife areas will be lost for ever."

He said that the uplands supported almost half of Britain's internationally important populations of birds of prey. These included 25 per cent of Europe's peregrine falcons and 15 per cent of Europe's golden eagles. Many of these birds were at risk from illegal poisoning and trapping.

Defeat in seven-year will fight

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

AFTER a seven-year fight involving 290 court appearances, Mr Thomas Mathew yesterday lost the latest round of a legal battle that, in its longevity and complexity, rivals that of Jarndyce v Jarndyce in *Bleak House*.

Mr Mathew has taken on the legal establishment, banks and estate agents over his late brother's will.

Yesterday, on his 255th appearance "in person" — without the aid of lawyers — he was refused leave by Lord Justice Beldam to appeal against a court order striking out his statement of claim against 21 defendants, including partners in leading law firms, the National Westminster Bank and Barclays Bank.

Mr Mathew and his wife, Princess Olga Romanoff, a great-niece of the last tsar, had sued Mr Jocelyn Timothy Thomas, a solicitor, and 20 others over the will of his brother, Theobald, who died in 1983, after requiring that his estate be split among his four younger brothers. The estate turned out to be £5 million. Mr Mathew claims that solicitors disposed of £3.8 million before he gained probate.

Yesterday, in the Court of Appeal, Lord Justice Beldam said that a court official had had to strike out the claim as disclosing no cause for action.

Women partners still rare in City

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

WOMEN are still scarce among the top echelons of the big City firms and most employers make no concessions to part-time work or job-sharing, according to a survey by the City of London Law Society.

The report shows that 96 per cent of firms replying to its questionnaire have fewer than 10 women partners, although 77 per cent had equal numbers of male and female articled clerks.

Mrs Karen Richardson, a member of the survey committee, said this "would suggest that the numbers of females are on the increase from the younger end of the market and the proportion of females is accordingly rising as against males".

Despite the growing number of women entering the profession, the City still remains slow to offer working mothers benefits such as flexible hours or part-time working.

At least 61 per cent of firms had no special working arrangements for women and where they did exist, they often did not extend to partners. Nearly 40 per cent of respondents provided part-time working arrangements for assistant solicitors but only 13 per cent did so for partners. Only 3.2 per cent had any job-sharing arrangements.

Mrs Richardson, who recently retired as chairman of the Association of Women Solicitors, said that despite efforts made by some City firms, in general they still had some way to go to meet the needs of women partners.

"There is still this idea that it is all right for assistant solicitors to work part-time, but that partners must be there every minute of the day. It is a complete misconception; the work that the assistant solicitor and partner do is is the same kind of work."

She said that arrangements in the City were probably behind those in many provincial firms. "You have to bear in mind that the City is the last bastion of anything that is going; you would not expect it to be in the forefront of pioneering special working arrangements."

The survey also showed that larger firms tended to be more flexible towards women: only 15 per cent of small firms have part-time assistant solicitors compared with 45 per cent of larger firms. Creches were not particularly popular, with only 11 firms favouring the provision of creche facilities, although 24 respondents said they would be prepared to give some financial support.

● Amnesty International has offered the Law Society half the places in its London creche. The society welcomed the offer of the eight places.

Riot jail gets new inmates

Strangeways Prison has received its first new inmates since the 25-day riot and siege which destroyed large sections of the building last month (Peter Davenport writes).

Five men, classified as low-risk category and serving short sentences, arrived on Tuesday and more were accepted yesterday. The Home Office said it was intended to build the numbers up to 50. They will be housed in the new hospital block, one of the few areas to escape damage, and might be assigned to clearing up the remaining debris.

Change of heart

Bournemouth council has passed a motion against suing Leeds council for damage by rioting Leeds United football supporters saying that it "does not regard the city of Leeds and the great majority of its people as responsible for the action of football hooligans".

Butlin's all-clear

A baby and a teenage girl who had meningitis while at Butlin's Somerset World in Minehead, had different strains of the virus and were probably infected before visiting the camp, Somerset Health Authority said yesterday.

Murder inquiry

Gypsies attending their annual fair at Appleby, Cumbria, next month will be questioned by police about the unsolved murder of a baby boy whose charred and legless body was found on a tip at Millom, Cumbria, in December.

Rescue dog

Mrs Fiona Levitt, aged 29, of Cilgerran, Dyfed, was pulled to safety by Cassius, a Rottweiler, after she floundered in the freezing Teifi yesterday.

Up and running

Two early-19th-century marble statues, each worth £5,000, have been stolen from the grounds of Brodsworth Hall, South Yorkshire. Police believe the thieves used lifting gear and a van to escape with the figures.

Poll tax veto threatens revival at oldest working theatre

By Simon Tait
Arts Correspondent

BRITAIN'S oldest working theatre, barely recovered from last year's financial difficulties which forced it to close its studio theatre, faces more funding uncertainty, this time due to community charge capping.

The Bristol Old Vic, where the British premiere of Arthur Miller's *The Luckiest Man in the World* opens tonight, is unable to plan its programme for this year because both authorities which provide it with vital funding, Bristol City Council and Avon County Council, are charge-capped.

Last year the theatre faced the prospect of closure because of a funding shortfall of £280,000, avoided when Bristol, Avon and the Arts Council belatedly agreed to increase grants. Prospects of reopening the New Vic studio next season have been dashed, however.

Decisions on the level of funding by both Bristol and Avon have been deferred while the implications of charge capping are assessed.

Mr Paul Unwin, artistic director and director of tonight's production, said: "We are a highly successful and ambitious theatre now but it's very difficult to maintain morale and ambition when you don't know what funding you can expect. I cannot announce the programme, which I would normally have done in early April, because I don't know what we can afford to do." Last year the theatre contributed £800,000 from the box office to its own costs.

In 1989-90, Bristol gave £225,000, an increase of 12.5 per cent, and Avon £65,000, up by 25 per cent, but their allocations for 1990-91 are not to be made known to the theatre at least until after the two councils' appeals against capping are heard next month. The Arts Council drastically cut funding three years ago to encourage the local authorities to bring contributions closer to parity.

After the local authority increases and a glowing report from an assessment of the company, the Arts Council increased its grant for 1990-91 by 18 per cent, from £423,600 to £500,000. This will not be affected, but the prospect of diminised local authority funding could affect the Arts Council subsidy, normally calculated in line with other grants, for the following year.

"The loss of £290,000 would be a very serious matter for any company," Mr Unwin said. "I'm trying not to contemplate the loss of the whole amount, but apart from the programme itself the delay in knowing puts us way behind in marketing and sounding out sponsors.

"Despite magnificent box offices — up to 98 per cent for our *Othello* this season — and very high morale, funding for regional theatre is more perilous than it has ever been.

"I could repeat Sir Peter Hall's view and say there was a willing and determined attempt to damage the culture of this country, but if I was being less cynical I would say it was a serious case of the left hand not knowing what the right hand was doing."

The Bristol Old Vic was founded 224 years ago and revived in the 1940s after an Arts Council grant, making it Britain's first state-aided theatre. It has been the proving ground for Peter O'Toole, Daniel Day-Lewis, Adrian Noble, the new artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, Jeremy Irons and Greta Scacchi, who went to the theatre's school. The theatre adds more than £2 million a year to the local economy, according to a Bristol Polytechnic study.

Polluter will pay for Devon coastal oil spillage

THE polluter will have to pay for the whole cost of the damage done by the oil pollution which came ashore in south Devon early yesterday from the tanker Rosebay. Community chargepayers of the area will not have to meet any of the cost.

That assurance was given in the Commons by Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Under Secretary of State for Transport. He said that the watchkeeper on the Dionne Marie, the Brixham trawler involved in Saturday's collision, had not seen the tanker and took no evasive action. Visibility had been three to four miles.

Mr McLoughlin said the damage to the port side of the Rosebay had led to the spillage of 1,100 tons of crude oil. The master had immediately minimized damage by transferring oil from the damaged tank to other tanks. The leak had ceased within 90 minutes.

The Marine Accident Investigation Branch was investigating the collision.

"Their initial findings are that it was the duty of the fishing vessel under international collision regulations to give way, but her watchkeeper did not see the tanker and made no alteration of course. The tanker took evasive action, but it did not prevent the collision. Visibility at the time was approximately three to four miles."

The dispersant spraying operations which had continued on Sunday had dispersed three-quarters of the spilt oil, but the remaining quarter had

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emulsified with seawater to form an estimated 700 tonnes of what the industry called "mousse" which did not respond to dispersant.

With natural breakdown, that had been reduced to 400 tonnes, but without the spraying the original spill would have emulsified into 3,500 tonnes of mousse which would have had to be recovered at sea in a difficult, slow process or have had to be cleared from beaches.

Beach cleaning had begun on the difficult and rocky coastline. Much of the rocky area would be inaccessible, however.

Mr Anthony Steen (South Hams, C) said that, although the pollution had been confined to about twelve miles of heritage coast, oil was 18 inches thick in some places. Some of the inaccessible polluted coves might be reached by helicopter.

Would the Government find ways to avoid the cost falling on the community chargepayers?

"Will the minister investigate not only the cause, but whether tankers should be lying along the south Devon coast line. Should not some of the larger ones have double skins to protect them from this sort of collision?"

Mr McLoughlin: I can give a total assurance that the cost of the clean-up will be met totally by the polluter. There is insurance cover on the tanker and there will be no cost to Mr Steen's community chargepayers. That is in line with government policy that the polluter pays for the damage he does.

He said that within two weeks they would recover and restore as well as they could some of the worst affected areas. Helicopeters would be considered if appropriate.

Mr Simon Hughes, for the Liberal Democrats, asked for an assurance that there would be a prosecution if there had been an offence. He said that the reality was that action had not been sufficient and had not stopped environmental damage.

Mr McLoughlin said that the comment was typical of Mr Hughes. To have acted within two hours had been very effective.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C) said that many detergent companies were owned by oil companies who made a profit from cleaning up pollution which they created. The minister should look up a solution invented some time ago by one of Mr Adley's constitutents, who had been driven out of business because oil companies wanted to go on selling detergents.

Mr McLoughlin said that he did not accept the theory that oil companies caused pollution to get benefit from cleaning it up.

Mr Ian Bruce (South Dorset, C) asked whether the insurance would cover the cost if it was shown that the tanker was at no fault.

Mr McLoughlin said that he would not apportion blame while the investigation was in progress.

Warning for the Royal Mail

There are no plans at present to end the letter monopoly operated by the Royal Mail, but in the event of serious disruption the Government would consider suspending it, Mr Eric Forth, Under Secretary of State for Consumer Affairs, said in a Commons written reply.

The letter monopoly was a privilege and not a right, he said. Options were kept under review.

He added: "The Government and the Post Office remain fully committed to the existence of a national letter service available to everyone, including those in rural areas, at a reasonable and uniform tariff."

Legal pledge on consumers

Mr Eric Forth, Under Secretary of State for Industry and Consumer Affairs, undertook during Commons questions to examine any evidence that the six-month time limit on bringing prosecutions against sellers of dangerous goods was causing problems for trading standards officers.

New business increase

The net number of businesses registered for VAT last year was 84,374, Mr Richard Ryder, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said in a written Commons reply. There had been 261,783 new registrations and 177,409 deregistrations. The net increase was more than 3.5 times higher than in 1980.

8% rise in exports

Exports, excluding oil and erratic items, were 8 per cent higher in the first quarter of this year than in the corresponding period last year, Mr John Redwood, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in a Commons written reply.

Census plan for homeless

Next year's census will include a count of people of all ages who are sleeping rough or in temporary accommodation, Mr Michael Spicer, Minister for Housing and Planning, said in a Commons written reply.

More in work

Full-time employment in Great Britain rose by 2.5 per cent last year and part-time employment rose by 4 per cent, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Under Secretary of State, Employment, said in a Commons written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Prime Minister. Employment Bill, remaining stages.
Lords (3): Aviation and Maritime Security Bill, report stage. Law reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, report stage, second day.

'Spineless' ministers attacked on steel mill

RAVENSCRAIG

MINISTERS would seek to persuade British Steel to reconsider its proposal, announced yesterday, to close the hot strip mill at the Ravenscraig steelworks during the first half of next year, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, told the Commons yesterday.

Any approach, however, would have to be based on commercial grounds and not merely on emotional or political grounds.

Mr Donald Dewar, shadow Secretary of State for Scotland, asserted that there was great bitterness on the way that the workforce had been betrayed by the company, and dismay because of the inactivity and "spineless" approach of ministers.

Mr Rifkind, in a statement to MPs, deplored the decision and its implications for the workforce.

He said that British Steel had not yet provided any details about why it believed the closure was necessary and he hoped that it would do so because those affected were entitled to the fullest information.

"As we would with any other major employer in Scotland, we shall seek to persuade British Steel to reconsider its proposal in the interests both of the company and of its workforce."

Mr Dewar wanted Mr Rifkind to condemn "this brutal announcement" in uncompromising terms. How did he propose to recover the situation? Did he agree that there was a case for retaining the strip mill because of the growth in the European market and North Sea activity?

It was foolhardy, he said, to assume that the demand for strip products could be met by retaining the capacity at only two plants. The decision was based on a defeatist view of British Steel's prospects. "It is essential that British Steel should think again."

Why had Mr Rifkind not met Sir Robert Scholey, chairman of British Steel, for seven long and weary months? "These were the missing weeks and the dead days when damaging decisions were being taken, and he was nowhere to be seen." Yet meetings had been promised. "Was the fate of the strip mill not worth the effort?"

At the Scottish Conservative conference a year ago, Mr Rifkind had boasted that Ravenscraig "had a new lease of life". What would he say now to 770 people who were "about to taste the misery of the dole queue" and the thousands of others frightened about their future? "What consolation can they take from the Prime Minister's statement that she has a soft spot for the loyal workforce at Ravenscraig?"

Mr Rifkind said that he was interested in Mr Dewar's belief that there were strong commercial reasons for retaining the hot strip mill, including the strength of the present market for its products, the competitiveness of the workforce and the superb way that the workers had responded to requests made to them.

If there was to be a prospect of British Steel's reconsidering its decision, the case had to be put on commercial grounds and not merely on emotional or political grounds.

There had been various times in the House in the past few weeks when questions of contact with British Steel had been raised. That had been in regard to the question of new investment, particularly concerning the Dalzell plate mill. As he had indicated then, the Government had been preparing, and had already presented to British Steel, its own paper on the desirability of considering Dalzell for any future plate investment.

"Far from delaying, these matters have been a actively promoted in the last few months."

The future of Ravenscraig was of crucial importance to the economy of Lanarkshire because of the employment implications if there were to be a closure. There were significant implications for the wider Scottish economy.

However, 98 per cent of Ravenscraig's products went not to steel users in Scotland but were exported to customers elsewhere in the United Kingdom or overseas, and the Scottish economy was stronger and more broadly based than it had been 20 or 30 years ago. Its economy was sufficiently robust

to deal with any problems of the kind Mr Dewar had mentioned.

He emphasized, however, that any employer with thousands of workers in one particular part of Scotland had a particular role and responsibility.

Mr Malcolm Bruce, Liberal Democrat spokesman on Scotland, said that the Secretary of State should have foreseen the closure coming when the privatization of British Steel was first mooted

Mr Rifkind said that at the time of privatization, British Steel had given a guarantee for the hot strip mill which had expired last year, so the mill had been in operation more than two years after the assurances it gave at the time of privatization.

At the time of the flotation, the British Steel prospectus indicated that it would be prepared to consider alternative private sector purchase if it had no continuing need for the asset.

Sir Hector Monro (Dumfries, C) said that he was furious at the decision which went to the heart beat of the Scottish economy.

Mr Rifkind said that he had contacted the leaders of the shop stewards and would be meeting them in the near future.

Dr John Reid (Motherwell North, Lab) said that the Ravenscraig workforce would fight the decision and the Opposition would fight alongside them. It seemed that the Secretary of State did not have the stomach for a fight.

Was it correct that Mr Rifkind had not met the chairman of British Steel since October last year and was that not a pathetic reflection on his attitude?

Mr Rifkind said that Dr Reid would do better not to make political points, but seek to cooperate with those wanting to see British Steel reconsider its decison.

Mrs Margaret Ewing (Moray, SNP) said that Mr Rifkind's pleas for people to unite in a campaign behind him to try to save Ravenscraig rang hollow against the background of his distinct failure to address the issue over the past months.

Mr Richard Holt (Langbaurgh, C) said that he was concerned at what had happened, but Corby which had had its steel plant closed now had over-employment, Teesside had suffered its losses and was now booming and last week Consett announced a new and exciting venture, including an industrial park. "We should stop looking backwards and start looking forward."

● The closure was raised at question time when Mrs Ewing said that Mr Douglas Hogg, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, had not addressed the extreme anger and bitterness felt in Scotland at the despicable and disgraceful announcement.

It was not just the loss of 770 jobs at issue; the heart was being torn out of the community in central Scotland and the core was being removed from the Scottish economy.

Mr Hogg said that during 1979 and 1980 British Steel had lost, in today's terms, £3,359 million and output per man-hour had been 160 tonnes. From being bottom of the league, the United Kingdom had now risen to third ranking, with 347 tonnes per man-hour.

Mr Gordon Brown, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said that Mr Hogg should be ashamed to come before the House as the "do-nothing" minister who had simply walked away from his responsibilities to the steel industry.

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Pledge on cars built in Britain

CARS manufactured in Britain by Japanese companies should be treated as British and allowed free access to the single European market, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, told the Commons. He said he had used "strong words" to emphasize the point to the European Commission.

Last year, 1,299,000 cars had been produced in the United Kingdom, he said. With the present investment in prospect, it was estimated that two million would be produced here by the mid-1990s. That would overtake the position inherited by this Government from Labour by a factor of more than two.

Mr Michael Grylls (Surrey North West, C) said that the increase in production was dependent on the cars having free entry to the continental market. Mr Ridley had taken a robust line on the matter, but would he tell MPs when it would be resolved?

Mr Ridley said that, at present, British-manufactured cars, manufactured by whatever company, were allowed free circulation in the European Community. "We intend to maintain that position."

Mr Douglas Henderson, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said that proposals by the European Commission indicated that cars produced in Sunderland, Derby and Swindon would be counted as part of the Japanese quota during a transitional period.

How did he intend to ensure that cars made in those places would be classified as British?

Mr Ridley said that he had used strong words on the subject to the European Commission, the Spanish, the French and the Italians.

He had told them there would be no question but that these cars would have free circulation in Europe.

"I believe that this matter will be resolved and soon and entirely in our favour."

Mr Robert Dunn (Dartford, C) said during earlier exchanges: "We do not get free and fair trade with the Empire of Japan. Will he tell them that unless they mend their ways, in terms of economic warfare we will declare war?"

Mr John Redwood, Under Secretary of State for Corporate Affairs, said that the average tariff on industrial products imported into Japan was substantially lower than on those imported into the European Community.

There had been isolated problems with products such as whisky, but that had been resolved. Japan was not a bad trading partner and their investments in Britain were warmly welcomed. It would be wrong to jeopardize that by ill chosen words.

Mr Lewis Moonie, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, asked what exactly were the figures for the balance of trade with Japan last year.

Mr Redwood: Minus £4.8 billion (Labour laughter).

Mr Neil Hamilton (Tatton, C) said that the growing strength of the British car industry was entirely due to the tremendous change in industrial relations as a result of the legislation of the past 12 years.

Mr Redwood agreed and added that, even now, the Labour Party could not agree on the importance of the reforms and was still threatening them in its new policy.

Labour wants more tax help for nurseries

FINANCE BILL

IN AN attempt to get more mothers to return to work, the Opposition proposed a series of amendments to the Finance Bill to increase tax allowances in relation to the provision of nursery places.

When the committee stage of the Bill was resumed in the Commons yesterday, Mr Paul Boateng, an Opposiiion spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, moved an amendment which, he said, was needed as a result of the "defective and stunted" provisions on care for children.

The Bill provides for tax consessions for employers providing nursery places. The amendments would allow mothers to set costs of child care in other nurseries against tax.

The Government was subject to an impulse for public relations purposes to appear to be doing good to hard-pressed parents, and women in particular, who found themselves at a tax disadvantage when their employers provided child care benefits.

Yet it was also subject to the compulsion, which characterized every aspect of the Budget, to do as little as possible at minimal cost.

The orchestrated fanfare which had greeted the Chancellor's comments when he introduced his measure on nurseries during his Budget would have led one to believe that it would lead to a growing number of workplace nurseries and other forms of child care provision. But that had not happened. The 3,000 children who benefited from workplace nurseries were not likely to be joined by many others.

This was not simply a child care or education issue. It was also an economic issue about maximizing the pool of skills necessary if the economy was to go forward. The Government had failed to do this.

The Opposition wanted flexibility to enable companies wishing to make such provision to buy places in existing community nurseries; to look at what the local authority and the voluntary sector had on offer and to buy into that, thus expanding the present provision.

Fiscal measures were not the best, and certainly not the only, way of providing the best levels and standards of child care. There must be a comprehensive child care policy to maximize choice and flexibility for working women and to maintain those standards. Labour was committed to such a policy, and the Opposition's amendments must be seen in that context.

Experience showed that, unless measures were taken to encourage employers to provide facilities for employees to take up, the hoped-for expansion in child care provision would not take place. Such expansion would be for the benefit of children and the economy.

Mrs Teresa Gorman (Billericay, C) said that she had some sympathy with the amendment because it was an almost straight crib from a 10-minute-rule Bill she had introduced. That had been welcomed by the unions, including the NUT.

Her only quibble with the Bill was that it limited the opportunities for employers to provide a workplace nursery to the workplace itself. The Bill ought to be extended to allow small businesses to combine to provide nursery places. That would stimulate the growth of new nurseries and stimulate the labour force available to small businesses.

That would cost the Government about £25 million a year, but that would come back to the Treasury from increased economic activity through more women going to work and from the tax generated.

There was nothing new about a married woman with children going out to work to help to supplement the family income, but modern society had widened the type of work available and the changing status of women over the past 50 years had meant that many chose to carry on some form of paid work outside the home.

It was a pity that so many women with young children had to be out of the career market for 10 years or so, because it was then hard to pick up again, especialy in scientific work, because things changed and developed at such a speed.

"I have a confession to make, those are not my words, they are the words of our Prime Minister whose sentiments and mine are the same. We would like Treasury ministers to expand this provision."

Amusement arcade Bill introduced

CHILDREN

A BILL allowing local authorities to ban children under 16 from amusement arcades was introduced in the Commons by Mr Patrick Thompson (Norwich North, C).

Its aim, he said, was to give local authorities teeth so that they could deal with this serious problem which caused misery to many young people and their families.

Cases of theft, attempted suicide, broken homes, child prostitution and worse crimes were on record as a result of addiction to amusement machines.

Home Office figures showed that as many as 1.3 million children, of the five million in the 10 to 16 age group, were spending money on machines which gave prizes.

Of those, at least 250,000 could be gambling in arcades unaccompanied by parents, friends or adults.

Despite a code of practice, he said, arrangements designed to discourage under-16s from taking part were being flouted and that, he believed, was why the legislation he proposed was necessary.

The facts had called into question the view taken by the Government that a change in the law was unwarranted. The main issue was the question of access to these arcades by children, many of whom were playing truant from school.

The Amusement Machines (Protection of Children) Bill was given a formal first reading. It stands little chance of making further progress.

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Benn onslaught on NEC paper

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

LABOUR'S new campaigning document is deeply ideological, backward-looking and shallow, Mr Tony Benn said yesterday.

Mr Benn, a member of Labour's national executive, said it was the most ideological document he had ever read because it set out a philosophical anti-socialist stance.

The document gave solemn commitments to three groups; it promised the City of London that nothing Labour did would damage its search for profit; it promised Brussels that Labour would never stand against what the Commission or Council of Ministers decided to do; and it told Washington that it now saw Nato as a permament political unit whatever happened to the Warsaw Pact.

Mr Benn's attack on the document came on the day after its approval by a special meeting of Labour's national executive and in advance of this weekend's conference of the Labour Party Socialists, a new body set up within the party to fight for left-wing policies.

The MP said that the new group's purpose was to to re-establish a socialist strand of thinking in the Labour Party. The national executive committee discussion showed that the the new model Labour Party is "Callaghan plus-plus-plus" and was well to the right of the Wilson policy of 1964.

Joining the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System would mean that control of the currency would pass from the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The document was out of touch with reality

in two senses. "It does not describe what we will inherit when we get into government . . . and it does not say what will have to be done. We must be able to answer those questions if we are going to win public support."

Mr Benn said he had never known a time when the quality of forward-looking discussion on the left was higher than it was now.

This weekend's conference will discuss proposed new policy and constitutional documents representing the thinking of the left.

Sharply criticizing the new NEC stance, the left's policy document says that, for the first time, Labour regarded the financial markets as being an acceptable limit on economic policy. It said that the trade union influence on Labour policy was now simply to agree with proposals that the party leadership brought forward.

"Labour Party Socialists believe that there is an alternative agenda, which includes the control of capital outflows, public ownership of substantial segments of the financial and industrial sectors, an industrial and regional planning system and a capital levy on the transactions of the capital markets."

To respond to the changes in Europe, the document calls for the establishment of a Europe-wide constituent assembly, directly elected by all the people of Europe, with strong powers to administer economic development and plan the reconstruction of the economies of Eastern Europe. It calls for the creation of a Europe free of big troop and conventional weapon concentrations, and wholly free of nuclear weapons.

A document on party discipline calls for the repeal of the rules that make it an offence risking expulsion to be a member or supporter of the Militant Tendency. "The left's view must surely be that we are opposed to membership or support for a particular organization's being a ground for automatic expulsion from the party."

The constitutional document looks at ways of changing the block vote.

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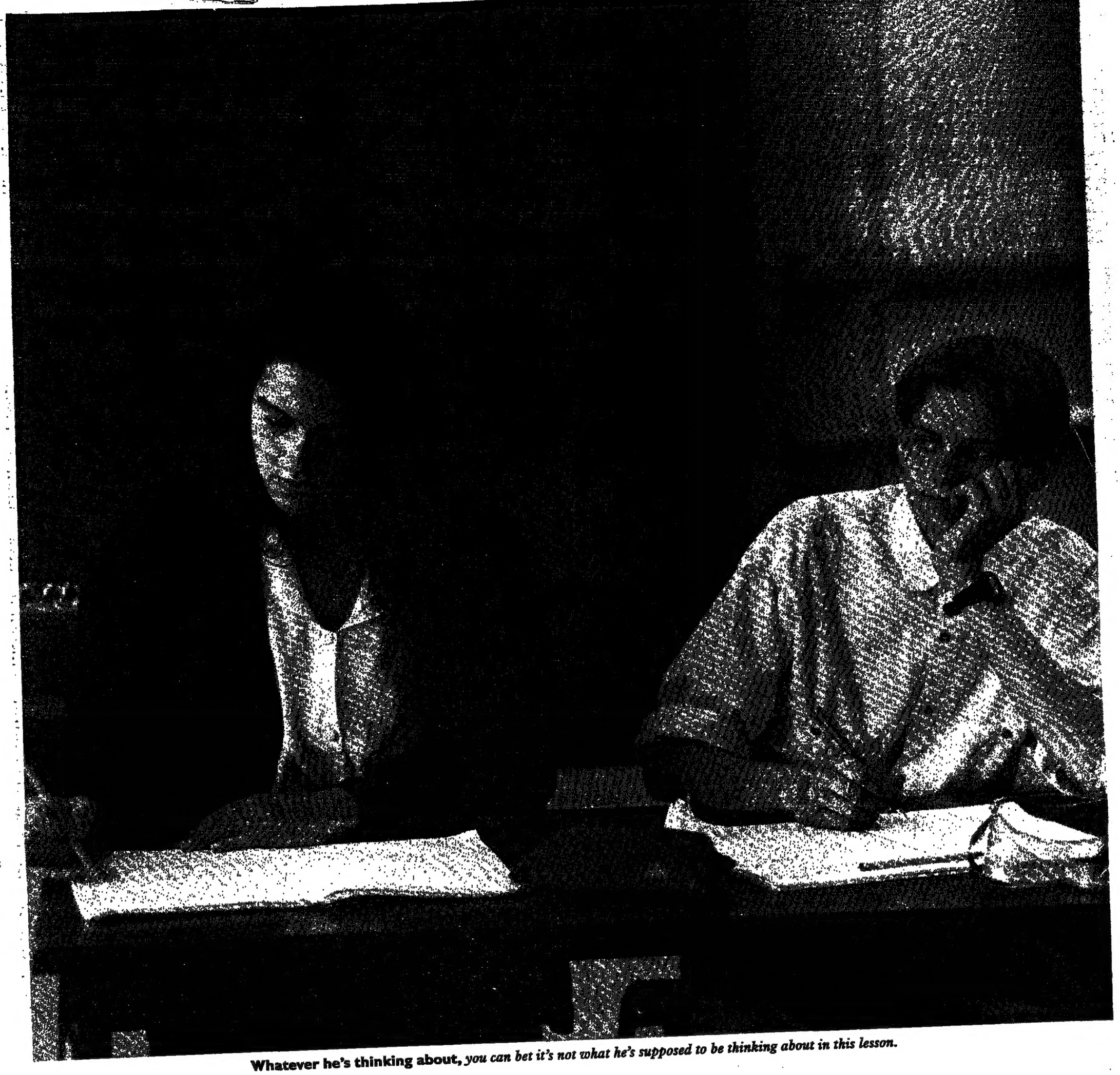

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Strasbourg squares up to Brussels in bid for more EC power

from Michael Binyon
Strasbourg

EVERYONE knows that members of the European Parliament want more power; the question now is how do they propose to get it? Can they force European leaders to commit themselves at the inter-governmental conference in December to giving the European Parliament the right of co-decision, the right to appoint the Commission and the right to throw out European legislation?

The first shots in the European Parliament's campaign will be fired in Strasbourg today. Armed with a volley of reports on how the Parliament should ensure democratic accountability in the Community, a delegation of 12 MEPs from the main political groups will confront the Community's foreign ministers in the first pre-conference talks.

In the autumn, half the chamber – 259 MEPs – will meet in Italy with an equal number of deputies from the Community's 12 national parliaments in a series of "assizes". With honeyed words and promises of closer co-operation with parliaments back home, the MEPs will plead for greater power, and will try to head off any incipient rivalries with national MPs loath to cede power to Strasbourg.

Inevitably, real power can come only at the expense of the other two arms of Community government: the Commission and the Council of Ministers. Reducing the power of the Commission is the less controversial; European leaders have long grumbled about the need to make Brussels more accountable, and theoretically the Parliament already has the right to throw out the Community budget and sack the entire Commission (though it seems unlikely ever to be invoked).

Now the Parliament wants a real say in the nomination of the Commission and, most importantly, its President, for that office is emerging as that of prime minister of Europe. This could be achieved in several ways, ranging from allowing the Parliament to nominate and elect the president directly, to arranging formal consultations with the leaders of the Parliament before member states made their choices (this already happens informally). Between the two, the Parliament could choose from a list submitted by the Twelve.

MEPs could also be required to give blanket approval to the Commission subsequently nominated by the President before it is sworn in. A more rigorous system of confirmation hearings for each commissioner, on the American model, would give the Parliament greater vetting power, but would destroy the principle of cabinet collegiality, which is closer to the traditions of European governments.

Parliament's role in setting the legislative agenda for each year could expand. At present this is done at an informal conference, where Brussels tells the Parliament what it wants to do, and Strasbourg works out the parliamentary timetable. This has already led this year to an angry confrontation with the majority Socialist group, which accused the Delors Commission of ignoring the Parliament's emphasis on social legislation.

Taking power from the Council would provoke more opposition from member states, especially France and Britain, that want national governments to retain the final say in enacting laws. The European Parliament wants "co-decision", which could be achieved by extending the so-called "co-operation procedure". The laws that make it difficult for ministers to adopt Single Market legislation without the Parliament's approval could be extended to cover all other fields, such as social legislation, taxation and the environment.

More drastically, Strasbourg could demand a right of final approval, so that legislation reached behind closed doors was approved by open vote in an elected assembly. This would, of course, give MEPs the right to throw out any decisions by the Twelve's ministers that they did not like.

The most difficult issue is how to share power with national parliaments. Some people, including Mr Michael Heseltine, suggest creating a second chamber at Strasbourg composed of delegations of national MPs. Though superficially attractive, there are many objections to the proposal. First, it would be very costly. Secondly, like the original, the nominated European Parliament would place an enormous strain on MPs who had to commute between Strasbourg and their own parliaments (and with the increased workload in Europe, this might make it unworkable). Thirdly, giving the second chamber any power of veto would undermine the authority of directly elected MEPs.

MEPs are more likely to call for regular joint sittings with national parliaments on particular issues, such as transport or the environment, or to invite MPs to speak at committee sessions of the European Parliament.

Sir Leon Brittan, the senior British Commissioner in Brussels, has suggested a new committee of national parliaments, a 150-strong body drawn proportionately from the 12 national parliaments that would meet periodically to scrutinize – though not veto – the decisions of the Council of Ministers and offer advice on what issues should be left to member states. Sir Leon said this would remove some of the secrecy of Council decisions, and address the problem of national parliaments feeling excluded from EC decision-making.

The European Parliament knows that it must stake its claim for power before the inter-governmental conference in December. Its first task is persuasion: appealing to public opinion through meetings with foreign ministers, national MPs and Commission officials. Its second task is to ensure a seat at the table when the conference begins.

Kohl seeks bigger role for Europe's Parliament

From Michael Binyon, Strasbourg

HERR Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, yesterday warned his European Community partners that unless they gave the European Parliament greater powers to exercise firm democratic control over the European Community, Germany was unwilling to surrender any more national sovereignty to European institutions.

His remarks, distributed in advance, appeared to be addressed particularly to President Mitterrand of France as well as to Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, who has come out explicitly against giving the Strasbourg Parliament any more power.

Herr Kohl cut back his prepared remarks on the need for a strengthened Parliament, a strengthening of political co-operation and common EC foreign and security policies in order to make time for a clear reaction to his election defeats in two *Länder* last week. But German officials said his text still represented the Bonn position.

Herr Kohl added a promise to his prepared remarks that the Bonn Government would not raise taxes to pay for German unity as this would hurt economic development. Instead, West Germany would set up a special fund to pay for the cost of unification.

The Chancellor was addressing MEPs on the eve of their meeting with Community foreign ministers to decide what role Parliament should play in the closer political integration of the Community, and how MEPs' views should be represented at the inter-governmental conference on political union.

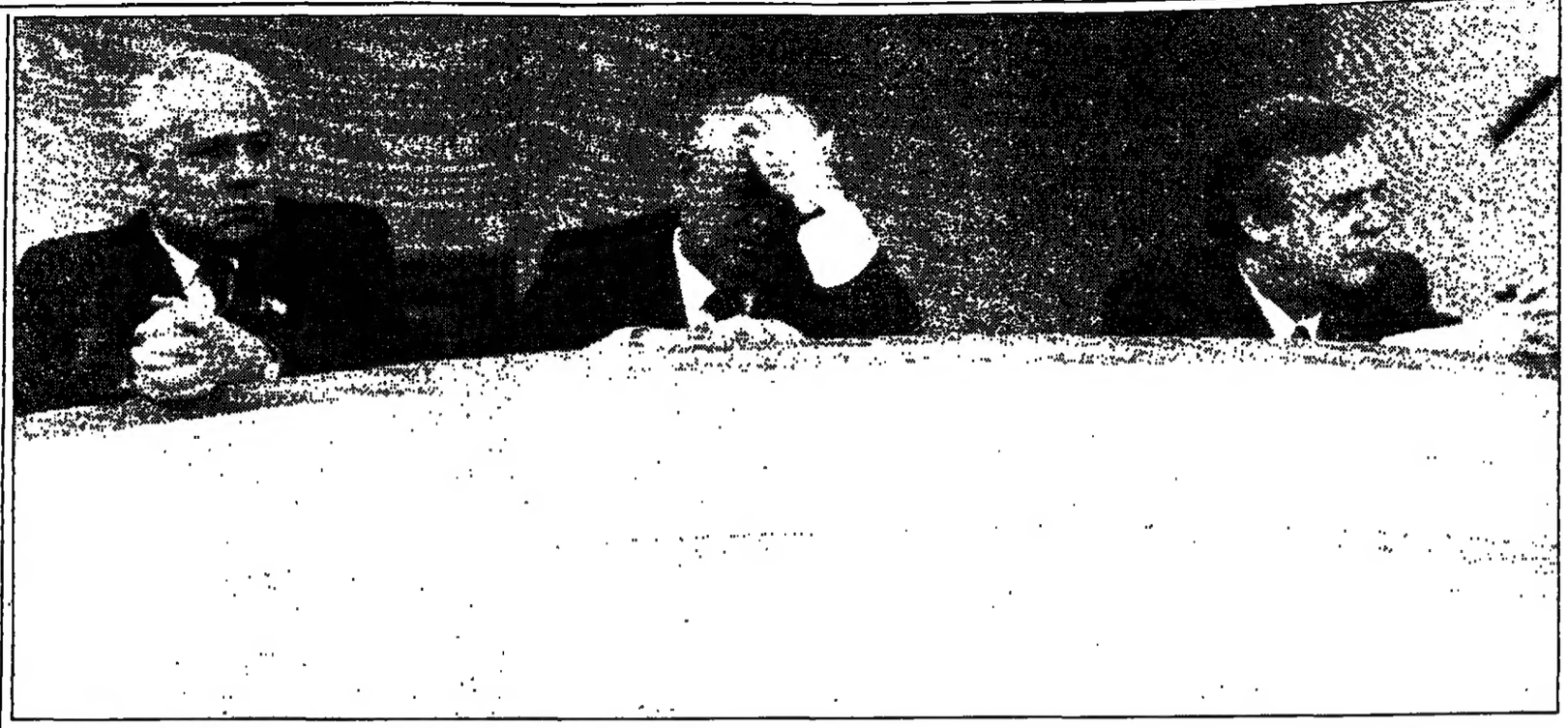
Herr Kohl said clear steps were needed to strengthen Parliament's powers before the next European elections in 1994. "According to our conception of Parliament, further rights of national parliaments and governments should only be given up to European institutions if there exists a clear parliamentary control at European level."

Germany has long insisted on greater power for the Parliament, and has linked this with the setting up of a European central bank system, which Bonn wants to be as autonomous as the Bundesbank, answerable only to the European Parliament. This point was made to a group of MEPs on Tuesday by Herr Karl-Otto Pöhl, the president of the Bundesbank, who said national governments had to be prepared to surrender sovereignty over setting interest rates and money supply to the new central bank. This bank should be free of political tinkering by member states and accountable principally to the European Parliament.

Mr Haughey, currently president of the European Council, was far more guarded. He said only that the importance of democratic accountability in the Community could not be overemphasized. "We have seen all too clearly in Europe over the past months what happens when people are alienated from their system of government," Mr Haughey remarked. He said the development of the Community's policymaking and legislative structure was accompanied by necessary arrangements for democratic control "including an appropriate role for the European Parliament".

Herr Lothar de Maizière, the East German Prime Minister, attended the debate and held talks with the Chancellor afterwards. He thanked the MEPs for their efforts to secure democracy in Europe, and said a future Germany must be irrevocably locked into European structures so that it could never again represent a threat.

In a subsequent press conference, Mr Haughey said Ireland was not automatically opposed to giving the European Parliament greater power. But, in discussion of such a step, special consideration should be given to the concerns of smaller countries, because their representation was small and their voices might not be heard.



A thoughtful President Gorbachov, above, at yesterday's debate in the Kremlin, while Mr Boris Yeltsin, below, listens intently to the deputies' arguments

Fierce Congress debate boosts Yeltsin's hand

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

THE newly elected Congress of the Russian Federation, which pits supporters of the central leadership of President Gorbachov against Mr Boris Yeltsin, the popular radical, opened in the Kremlin yesterday morning and became bogged down almost at once in an angry debate about procedures.

Amid the anger, however, two minor victories for the reformists suggested that Mr Yeltsin's bid for the post of president of the Russian Federation was not yet lost. With Mr Gorbachov and other members of the leadership looking down on the long, narrow hall from two of five gilt boxes, the 1,059 deputies heard a brief report from the chairman of the electoral commission on the elections they had won to become members of the Congress. They then launched into fierce combat over membership of the Congress commissions – the backroom committees which usually guide such gatherings to produce the required result.

There were demands that each commission member's suitability should be debated, and that there should be a choice of candidates. At all such meetings, whether the all-union Congress or the Supreme Soviet, deputies usually receive prepared lists of commission members who are expected to be approved collectively "on the nod".

At the end of the short morning session, Mr Yeltsin, who is the radicals' nominee for the post of president of the Russian Federation, strode confidently through the lobby, smiling for the cameras. Uncharacteristically, however, he refused to comment on the proceedings.

It was clear from the first that reformist deputies suspected that the outcome had already been determined and that they were just part of an elaborate charade. "We have not come here just to vote," speaker after speaker said. A number of Yeltsin supporters complained that they had failed to "catch the chairman's eye" even though they had been standing at microphones ready to speak.

There were persistent objections to the venue in the Grand Kremlin Palace – a long, thin hall with very high ornate ceilings surrounded by labyrinthine corridors and galleries. The acoustics made the chairman difficult to hear, even with an elaborate system of microphones, and deputies complained that it took them so long to reach a microphone themselves that the vote had been taken before they were ready to speak.

By the afternoon, an extra microphone had been added for speakers from the floor, but the mood was no less agitated. Every item on the agenda was contested, point by point. The composition of the so-called technical commission responsible for the computer voting system was contested. (Since such a system was introduced for the all-union Congress last year, some deputies have grown suspicious that it can be manipulated.)

The next bone of contention was the "counting commission" which oversees votes, then the composition of the secretariat, then the method of choosing the chairman of the secretariat – the Congress secretariat is responsible among other things for providing the chairman with lists of those who want to speak in a particular debate. Then the "mandate commission" came under scrutiny – this checks that the candidates are who they say they are, that they won their elections without transgressing the law, and swears them in.

In the first of the Yeltsin supporters' small victories, Dr Tatyana Koryagina, a radical economist, came within 150 votes of being elected to the mandate commission – though she withdrew her candidacy subsequently, not having reached the microphone before the vote was taken.

The second victory was to have the editor of the conservative daily, *Sovetskaya Rossiya*, voted off the "editorial commission" – the group which edits the official transcript of the proceedings.

The final debate concerned the agenda – and a point which could swing the advantage for or against Mr Yeltsin. According to the draft, the Russian Federation Prime Minister's report on the past year's work was scheduled to be given after the election of a praesidium and its chairman (the president). Mr Yeltsin's supporters wanted the report to be given first, in the hope that its record of misfortune would discredit the Prime Minister, Mr Aleksandr Vlasov, who is probably Mr Yeltsin's main opponent.

German states back 'unity fund'

From Ian Murray, Bonn

THE first state treaty to create a united Germany will be signed here on schedule tomorrow. Appropriately for a merger inspired by and made possible on the strength of the Deutschmark, the treaty will be signed by the finance ministers of both Germanies, with the two heads of government merely looking on.

Herr Theo Waigel, who will sign for West Germany, is to finalize the arrangements in East Berlin today when he meets his counterpart, Herr Walter Romberg. Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, will be flying back for the ceremony from Washington, where he is spending today keeping the Bush Administration posted on the latest developments on German reunification. Herr Lothar de Maizière, the East German Prime Minister, will also witness the signing of the treaty which effectively ends his country's independence.

The treaty will then be ready for ratification by both parliaments towards the end of next month. From July 1, currency, economic and social union will take effect and the failed, 40-year long, German socialist experiment will be brought to an inglorious end. In signing the document, East Germany will commit itself to doing away with its planned economic system and will introduce the social market economy which has made West Germany one of the world's richest nations over the same period.

To help East Germany make the painful transition, Herr Kohl yesterday persuaded the prime ministers of the 11 West German federal states to contribute substantially between now and 1994 towards a DM 115 billion (£42 billion) "German Unity Fund". The Government is to find DM 20 billion of this amount from its savings and will raise a further DM 47.5 billion on capital markets.

Herr Waigel: Unity "an investment in growth"

The federal states – seven of which are controlled now by the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) – are also to put up DM 47.5 billion. The SPD had earlier loudly complained about the Chancellor's plans to make the state's contribute a third of the cost of reunification, but yesterday they quickly agreed to participate.

According to Herr Johannes Rau, the SPD prime minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, they agreed because the figure allowed them to budget in advance. "This compromise limits the burden on our citizens to an acceptable level," he said.

Herr Waigel said that the fund would offer investors interest of 9 per cent a year, which meant that West German taxpayers would be contributing around DM 17 billion between next year and 1995. He did not envisage any need for tax increases, although he hinted that it might no longer be possible for him to cut company taxes next year as had been promised.

Herr Waigel sought to reassure the business world, however, that sacrifices now would yield dividends in future. "German unity is an investment in the social market economy of East Germany," he said. "It is also an investment in more growth in West Germany, in the whole of Germany and in Europe."

Even so, the fund will not meet the entire cost of reunification. Herr Waigel expects that East Germany will itself be able to raise substantial sums by privatizing its state assets.

He also believes that within a few years workers' contributions will make a social security system self-financing. But in the meantime he expects to have to raise a second supplementary budget of DM 3 billion to provide a start-up fund for East German pensions and unemployment benefits.

His general optimism came despite gloomy predictions yesterday suggesting that East German unemployment could reach a million within a year of the introduction of currency union. The West German Economics Research Institute said that even if the level only reached half that amount, benefits would still cost up to DM 6.7 billion a year.

Discontent erupts in Albania strike

Tirana

UP TO 2,000 workers went on strike for more pay at a big textile factory in Albania last month in one of at least three protests this year in Europe's last hardline communist state, witnesses said yesterday.

They and other Albanian sources confirmed reports of unrest – denied until now by the authorities – and said reforms announced last week were a direct response to discontent fuelled by the democratic revolution in Eastern Europe.

A worker at the textile factory in the town of Berat said the eight-hour strike took place at night about a month ago. It was the first confirmed strike in 45 years of one-party rule in the small Balkan nation.

Other witnesses said up to 600 young fans turned a football match in the town of Kavaje into an anti-communist protest on March 25. Young people also staged a silent rally on the last Sunday in January, in Tirana's main Skanderberg Square, where a statue of Enver Hoxha was erected after his death. Both demonstrations were broken up by police, they said.

The protests, unprecedented in Albania, were against resistance to change by the communist old guard led by Mrs Nexhmije Hoxha, aged 68, the widow of the country's Stalinist former ruler, Enver Hoxha, and chairwoman of the Democratic Front mass movement.

"This group with hands washed in blood continues to sit on the throne. Its iron hand is the troops of the Sigurimi (secret police)," a dissident statement calling for multiparty democracy said.

Albania's Parliament last week approved a package of limited reforms covering human rights and the economy, championed by the country's leader, Mr Ramiz Alia, who succeeded Hoxha when he died in 1985 after 40 years of hard-line rule.

The dissident statement was read to reporters by a young writer and an engineer. "Our leaders realized soon after the East European revolutions that it was their turn," the statement said. Mr Alia's reforms "might be meant well but up till now they have served the consolidation of the conservative forces led by Mrs Hoxha."

All sources spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they feared arrest if names were published. But their willingness to talk to Western journalists at all would have been unthinkable until this year. *(Reuter)*

Barkers who bite in Romania's loony Laughter Party

From Christopher Walker
Bucharest

ONLY in a Romanian election would you find a party whose members bark at each other like dogs and crack endless jokes about Nicolae Ceausescu and his would-be successors.

Their favourite concerns the late Elena Ceausescu and her favourite son, Nicu, whose trial for genocide opens this month: "She was an imbecile born of a drunkard, and he was a drunk born of an imbecile." In a campaign marred by violence and ill-humour, the meetings of the *Liber-Schimbist* (free exchange) or Laughter Party have shone like rays of sunshine. "The first cause of the dead of the December revolution should be laughter," one slogan runs. Contemptuous of the low standard of political debate among a people still recovering from 24 years of repression under Europe's most brutal dictatorship since Stalin, the party deliberately mocks the electoral process. One recent meeting was addressed by a candidate who identified himself only as a "Martian", and a girl of four who sang a campaign song.

Founded by Professor Stefan Cazimir, a puckish professor of literature at Bucharest University, the party has already attracted a small but dedicated band of supporters, mostly intellectuals and artists. It will be fielding 33 candidates in next Sunday's poll, in which 73 parties are competing.

Miss Anda Stoin, a Bucharest organizer, said: "We are anti-communist, but we are also anti-Messianic. We are against those new political leaders like Ion Iliescu, presidential candidate of the National Salvation Front, who set themselves up, just like Ceausescu, needing adulation from a bunch of sheep." With that, she burst into song and then ran through the party meeting in a now defunct Romanian-Soviet friendship hall, woofing like a dog. "In our party, the lowest are the leaders and leaders like Professor Cazimir are regarded as the least important amongst us," she said before bursting into peals of infectious laughter.

Underneath the levity, the party has a serious purpose – to mock the ambitions of the other political groupings, many of which it claims are pursuing the maintenance of communism in the thinnest of disguises. The Bucharest meeting was dominated by a giant portrait of the party's spiritual father, the 19th-century Romanian playwright Caragiale, whose work mocked corruption in Romania long before the arrival of the communists.

Party discipline is lax, but rules of membership are strict and aimed at showing up the Front. Membership of the Laughter Party is denied to those who had a function in the political leadership of Romania between January 1, 1980 and December 22, 1989, who compromised themselves by endorsing the former regime, or anyone "without a sense of humour".

The party has already raised enough funds to produce a newspaper and to plaster billboards with its eyecatching poster of a smiling child with a flower in his mouth. Its mascot is a dog called Bubico, which explains the barking that sometimes disconcerts new members, although most soon let their hair down and join in the surreal atmosphere of its rallies. At the Bucharest meeting, which attracted about 200 supporters, Professor Cazimir brought down the house with his mimicry of the two-fingered victory salute that has become Mr Iliescu's trademark. "I demand an ovation before I will address you," he told his audience petulantly.

The party's ability to arouse interest derives from the Ceausescu years, when zany underground humour was about the only available form of political activity. Many members now fear that the National Salvation Front is using the old Communist Party structure to maintain its grip on power and prevent free discussion.

The sharp bite of the party's satire and its mastery of the sense of the ridiculous have disconcerted its more serious rivals. But it stands only an outside chance of returning a candidate to bring a smile to the new Parliament.

Meanwhile, the defiant anti-communist demonstrators who have blocked the centre of Bucharest for more than three weeks announced yesterday that they would continue their protest despite new laws banning all political meetings in the 48 hours before polling on Sunday.

The demonstrators, including more than 100 now on hunger strike in a bizarre assortment of 70 tents, are demanding a ban on all former Communist Party activists from standing in elections for 10 years.

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Latvians cling to hopes of renewed talks with Moscow

From Anatol Lieven, Riga

THE Latvian Deputy Prime Minister has said that talks with Moscow will continue, in spite of President Gorbachov's decree that the Latvian declaration of independence is illegal, and the increasingly radical tone of local opponents of Baltic independence.

The Soviet loyalist movement Interfront, whose followers staged disturbances on Tuesday, has called a general strike in Estonia for next Monday, which may be supported by Russian workers in the other two republics.

The belief that talks will continue was expressed by Dr Ilmars Bisers after returning from informal discussions with Soviet officials in Moscow, where he is a member of the Congress of People's Deputies.

He told the press that the talks with Soviet representatives scheduled for last Tuesday have only been postponed "because of inadequate preparation on the Soviet side", and may resume in a week.

Dr Bisers said that Soviet officials close to Mr Gorbachov had not seemed especially worried by the Latvian declaration of legal independence, which they had been expecting. "I do not think Mr Gorbachov's response is very harsh," Dr Bisers said. "There are no talks with Lithuania, but it seems that Moscow is not refusing to talk with us."

Dr Bisers said that some Soviet officials were taking a positive attitude towards the establishment last weekend of a "Baltic council", because, "it may get them out of the dead end they have got into with Lithuania, drawing that country back into the talks process".

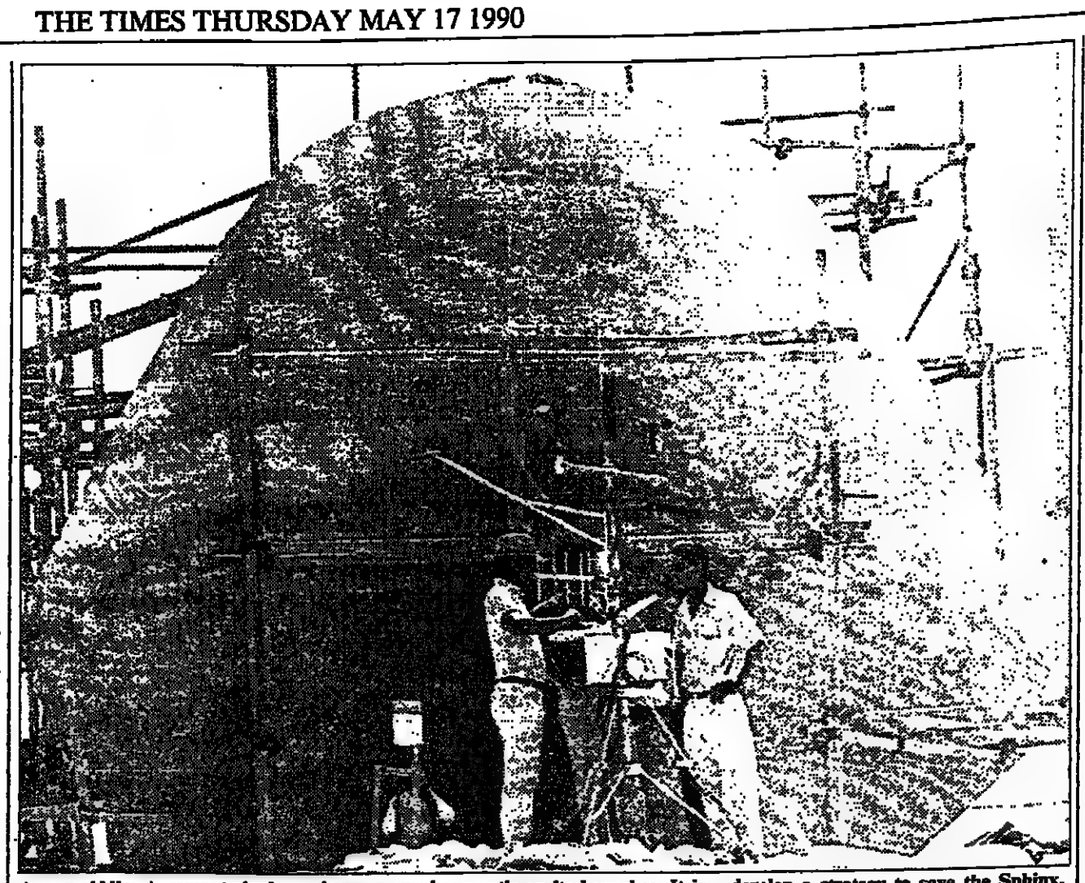
Dr Bisers raised once more what is likely to be the central question of a confederation with the Soviet Union, which he said remained on the agenda. In the discussions with Moscow, he said, "we were supposed to talk further about regaining independence for Latvia on the basis of a treaty with the Soviet Union".

He said that even President Landsbergis of Lithuania told him three weeks ago that he was willing to consider the possibility of a "treaty of association" with the Soviet Union. But Dr Ivars Godmanis, the Prime Minister, has said that Latvia must have established real independence before it can negotiate a confederation.

Dr Bisers is evasive on the subject, but implies that independence can come through a treaty with the Soviet Union, implying that independence and confederation must be agreed simultaneously, perhaps with a brief symbolic period of "total sovereignty" before ratification of a confederation.

Dr Bisers said that he also spoke in Moscow with Mr Vadim Bokatin, the Soviet Interior Minister, over the question of the appointment of a new Latvian Interior Minister, whom the Russian-dominated Riga police have refused to accept.

Some Popular Front deputies see the charge by riot police against mainly army demonstrators on Tuesday as further evidence by Mr Bruno Steinbriks, the present Interior Minister and Soviet loyalist, that he controls the police but is willing to use them to defend the present government, at least up to a point.



A new riddle: A computerized weather station, perched on top of the Sphinx, begins sending data today which scientists hope will help them arrest the monument's alarming decay. Scientists from the Getty Conservation Institute based in Marina Del Rey, California, said instruments for the $200,000 (£119,000) solar-powered meteorological station had been adapted from a conservation project in China. It weighs 200lbs, stands 6ft 6ins tall and resembles a praying mantis on its haunches. It is held in place on the Sphinx's back by sandbags, and will remain for at least a year, transmitting data — on rainfall, wind direction and speed, relative humidity, pollutants, temperature and the effects of water and salt on the limestone layers of the statue — to a computer a mile away. Mr Frank Preusser, acting co-director of the Getty conservation team, said the information received should enable Egyptian scientists to develop a strategy to save the Sphinx. "The Sphinx is perhaps the most famed, and by far the most thoroughly documented and scrutinized, monument of the ancient world," Mr Preusser said. But "there has never been a co-ordinated effort methodically to quantify and examine ... (detrimental) factors" affecting it. "We can't stop deterioration of any monument in the world, but there is always a solution to slowing down the decay." *(AP)*

US budget deficit forecast rises again

From Martin Fletcher
Washington

FOR the third time in as many months the White House has increased its 1991 budget deficit forecast, and given a warning that firm remedial action must be taken if the relentless upward spiral is not to result in fiscal chaos.

The latest administration figures project a deficit of between $128 billion (£77 billion) and $140 billion for the fiscal year beginning this October, up from the $100.5 billion the White House originally forecast in late January.

The new figures do not include next year's bill for bailing out insolvent savings and loan institutions, the American equivalent of building societies. They would increase the deficit forecast to $190 billion, and triple the $64 billion target which the Administration must meet next year under the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction legislation.

The sombre new forecast was revealed by Mr Richard Darman, the White House Budget Director, at the first "budget summit" between the Administration and congressional leaders at the White House on Tuesday.

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Greens pin down the leaping gene

From Ian Murray, Bonn

A FIELD the size of a football pitch planted out with petunias has made the Greens see red. So angry are they that, all this week, they have got up at six in the morning to block the road to the field outside Cologne, which has had to be protected by security guards, wire grilles and dogs.

The trouble is that, if nature had its way, the 37,000 salmon pink petunias in the middle of it all should be white – and the Greens believe they ought to have been left that way. Descended from a long line of white petunias, they have been genetically engineered by researchers at the Max Planck Institute, who have crossed them with maize genes.

What the researchers want to find, capture and isolate are what they describe as "leaping genes" which, as their name implies, are somewhat volatile. They occur in all varieties, but are not firmly tied in to the genetic information of the plant, which means that they can change position and thus sometimes influence the activities of other genes.

Genetic engineers have ways of making use of them – if they can catch them, which is where the artificially pink petunias come in. This is because a rare petunia containing a "leaping gene" does not blush a uniform salmon colour when it is crossed with the maize gene. Instead it comes out in spots or even stripes of red. This makes it stand out clearly from all its ordinary, common or garden neighbours, allowing the scientists to capture it.

An entire field of petunias is necessary because the "leaping gene" is such a rarity that it is only by planting out an entire field that the researchers can be sure of finding examples. The rest of the plants flower unwanted. The Greens worry about such unnatural goings-on. What will happen, they wonder, if the seed of a maize-crossed petunia turns into a dangerous mutant. "Will these petunias bite?" they have been asking the scientists. The Green lobby is worried that offshoots of these petunias could be the first innocent seedlings of what could become a whole nursery of unnatural, dangerous growths.

Even though the strictly controlled genetic engineering of embryos has been approved for research in West Germany, the petunia is the first plant to undergo such treatment, and the Greens want it to be the last. The Max Planck Institute has done its best to reassure them. Their scientists say that there will be no environmental consequences. The maize genes are harmless, they point out, and as many seeds as possible will be disposed of afterwards. Should any escape the harvest, they stand no realistic chance of survival since the seeds of the petunias are sensitive to frost and damp and will not be able to withstand the winter.

The Greens are none the less worried. The harmless, pretty pink flower, they argue, will lull world opinion into a false sense of security about the dangers of messing around with nature.

Freed US hostage has cancer

Washington – Mr Robert Polhill, the American hostage freed last month after 39 months in captivity, has cancer of the throat and is to have his larynx removed today (Martin Fletcher writes). His condition was diagnosed at the Walter Reed Army Medical Centre in Washington, where he has been a patient since his return from Lebanon.

Dr Russ Zajtchuk, his doctor, said Mr Polhill, aged 55, probably had the cancer for more than a year, but there was no evidence of it having spread. "Mr Polhill has shown remarkable strength of character and he has a very positive attitude," he said.

Scientists declare war on asteroids

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

SCIENTISTS yesterday called for nuclear weapons to be redeployed to defend Earth against asteroids, 46,000 mph celestial boulders sometimes wider than Britain and capable of having an impact equivalent to the force of several thousand hydrogen bombs.

The call, by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, comes in the wake of thawing East-West relations and what is being claimed as a recent, potentially catastrophic, near miss by an asteroid. Last year 1989 FC, an asteroid bigger than an aircraft carrier, passed within 400,000 miles of Earth before astronomers noticed it. "Such an object could cause a disaster of unprecedented proportions if it had struck," the institute says in a paper.

The institute says nuclear weapons should be put on standby to intercept and shatter the asteroids. It calls for a global network of telescopes for early detection, and studies into power units that could divert asteroids.

Moscow given Gatt look-in

Geneva – The Soviet Union was granted observer status yesterday by the 96-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, or Gatt (Alan McGregor writes). While this is an essential step towards full membership, that will depend on restructuring the Soviet economy to a market-based price and distribution system compatible with Gatt rules.

More than 30 countries have observer status. Mr Rufus Yerxa, the US representative, said it was an important moment after 45 years of a divided world economy.

Pay row troops seize airport

Abidjan – Ivory Coast appealed to military recruits who shut the country's main airport yesterday to return to barracks and surrender. As many as 400 recruits took over West Africa's busiest airport at dawn in a protest over pay, firing their guns in the air.

Other young recruits, demanding their pay be boosted from the current level of about £7 a month, commandeered cars, taxis and about 50 military vehicles. French forces in Ivory Coast were placed on maximum alert. *(Reuter)*

South Africa promises to scrap pillars of apartheid

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

THE South African Government has implicitly recognized the failure of the black homelands system, and the inhumanity of classifying people according to race, and has promised to dismantle both pillars of apartheid as soon as possible.

Senior Cabinet ministers addressing Parliament this week made it clear that neither had any place in a multiracial society, and would be phased out as part of negotiations on a new constitution.

Mr Stoffel van der Merwe, the Minister for (Black) Education and Development Aid, who also has responsibility for the tribal homelands, said the Government accepted that independence was no longer an option for the six autonomous territories. "In the present circumstances it is, therefore, also no longer the aim of the central Government. The overriding aim now is the participation of all South Africans in the central political process."

His announcement spells the end of the policy of "grand apartheid" devised in the 1950s by Dr Hendrik Verwoerd, under which 10 homelands were established to serve as black labour dormitories for the white economy, and as dumping grounds for those whose labour was not required. Mr van der Merwe made no reference to four of the territories which accepted nominal independence in the 1970s, but it is regarded in government circles as inevitable that all will be reintegrated in South Africa as part of plans for sharing power with the black majority.

Mr Van der Merwe said existing rights and legislation in the six self-governing homelands would be reviewed, and it was possible certain functions would be returned to Pretoria as an interim measure.

Mr Gene Louw, the Home Affairs Minister, expressed the strongest official criticism so far of the Population Registration Act (1950), under which all citizens must be registered at birth as belonging to one of four race groups.

Mr Louw said the law was unacceptable, totally inflexible, and undoubtedly discriminatory, and the Government wished to be rid of it as soon as possible.

Applying it during the past four decades had been an "unpleasant and heartsore experience", he said. "We cannot enter a new constitutional dispensation while retaining the contents of this Act. Its description of race and groups is unacceptable."

Citing an example of members of one family being classified in three different race groups, he said it was untenable. It was becoming increasingly difficult for him to classify people under the terms of the Act, because "free association of people is becoming a pattern of everyday life".

Mr Louw said it would be impractical to declare a moratorium on the law, because it was part of the constitutional debate. His department would apply it with as much sympathy and compassion as was humanly possible.

President de Klerk recently reaffirmed his intention to abolish statutory discrimination, but said the Population Registration Act could be amended only as part of a new constitution.

● BRUSSELS: The European Community will re-examine its anti-apartheid policy at a meeting in Dublin next month, the Irish Foreign Minister, Mr Gerard Collins, said after meeting President de Klerk yesterday.

"We will discuss the situation, bearing in mind the developments that have taken place," Mr Collins told reporters after his one-hour talk with the South African President. But he refused to speculate whether EC foreign ministers, meeting in Dublin on June 18, would change their policy or drop any sanctions.

President De Klerk, who is on the fourth leg of an 18-day European tour to promote his programme of apartheid reforms, has urged the Community to re-evaluate sanctions against Pretoria. (*Reuter*).

Pretoria plans to integrate hospitals

Cape Town

RACIAL segregation in South African state hospitals is to be abolished, the Government announced yesterday. Doctors immediately welcomed the move, the latest in a series of proposed reforms announced this month by President de Klerk.

Dr Rina Venter, the Health Minister, told Parliament, here: "The Government has decided that the available capacity of beds in all hospitals must be accessible to all persons and that a model be designed to manage this in an orderly fashion."

Dr Venter announced that state health services would be restructured on the basis of equality and accessibility to ensure proper treatment for the black majority. Some state-funded hospitals are at present reserved for whites, some for blacks, while others are split into sections for blacks and whites. A small minority are integrated.

The practice dates from British colonial times, but was institutionalized by apartheid laws passed after the National Party took power in 1948.

Dr Venter said that before any new hospitals could be built, the Government would launch a nationwide study of health care. "The approach to this evaluation will be that all hospitals are accessible to all persons and that no facility may remain under-used while new ones are being built," she said.

Dr Faizel Randera, publicity secretary of the anti-apartheid National Medical and Dental Association, said the organization was excited by the announcement. "We have been struggling and fighting for years for a non-racial health service. In the sweeping announcement by the minister it appears that this is what South Africa is looking forward to in the future."

He said most of South Africa's whites would feel little immediate effect as almost 90 per cent of them used private hospitals and clinics. (*Reuter*)

Strike force: An Indian policewoman lashing out to drive back a supporter of the Left Front at a demonstration in Delhi yesterday. Scuffles broke out between police and demonstrators who were protesting against increases in the price of essential commodities

Peking punishes bureau after envoy goes awol

From Charles Brenner, Hong Kong

THE decision of Mr Xu Jiatun, the former head of the New China News Agency office in Hong Kong, to leave China on an unauthorized trip to Los Angeles has inflicted a severe loss of face on Peking and deepened the shadow that hangs ever heavier over Hong Kong.

Mr Xu left his home in Nanjing last week with members of his family. The Chinese authorities denied that he had defected and the Americans said he had not applied for asylum. Peking, however, abruptly summoned four of Mr Xu's closest associates from Hong Kong and told Chinese personnel here that they would be subject to a three-year limit on their stay in Hong Kong.

For the Hong Kong branch of the Xinhua agency, news reporting has long amounted to little more than a sideline. "You could tell they were not one of us when they started issuing visas," one old Hong Kong journalist said. In the absence of any Chinese consulate or embassy, the "bureau" has for decades served as Peking's presence in the British colony, acting as the eyes and ears of mainland China. In recent years, the agency has swollen into a full-blown bureaucracy. Its 1,000 staff, housed in a monumental marble-halled tower, now rank as a Chinese administration-in-waiting ahead of the handover by Britain in 1997.

As the "shadow governor" for seven years, Mr Xu first shocked Hong Kong with his blunt warnings about the need for conforming to Peking's wishes in the run-up to 1997, but he later did more than any other Chinese official to nurture a rapport with the mainland and provide assurances to the Hong Kong people that they could trust Peking to keep its word and respect their capitalist system.

An affable, popular party administrator with ministerial rank and ties to Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's supreme leader, he came to enjoy Hong Kong and admire its free-for-all ways — too much so, apparently, for the liking of his more orthodox colleagues. A couple of years ago he strayed from the party line to declare, for example, that "capitalism is one of the greatest achievements of mankind". After the 1984 agreement on Hong Kong's future, the cadres from Xinhua working under Mr Xu dropped all pretences of belonging to a news organization and took to the diplomatic circuit with all the trappings, from stylish suits to chauffeured Mercedes and lavish entertainment.

Wining and dining the élite and middle levels of the Hong Kong business and media world was one of the agency's main preoccupations in the two years leading up to the June 4 massacre in Tiananmen Square. After the crackdown, Mr Xu maintained a tolerant line. For several months, his political survival was seen in Hong Kong as evidence that perhaps all was not lost.

Subsequently, however, his masters in Peking decided late in the year to replace him with a harder-line official, Mr Zhou Nan, a former vice-Foreign Minister who had played a leading role in the British negotiations. Mr Nan has cracked down on the pro-reformists in the Hong Kong mission, many of whom had taken part in demonstrations last year. Morale in Xinhua is now said by insiders to be lower than ever, with high tension between the 500 or so Hong Kong staff members and the mainland contingent. Staff are threatening a strike over low pay.

Chinese sources said yesterday that the former news agency chief, who was affectionately known here as Uncle Xu (the name is pronounced "Sher") had paid three secret visits to Hong Kong since his retirement. Mr Xu's departure has embarrassed Peking and added to the consternation of the administrators and senior Chinese businessmen in Hong Kong, who are anxious to see the survival of forces of moderation on the mainland.

Xinhua staff put the word out yesterday that Mr Xu was under investigation for alleged corruption — a charge dissidents said could be applied to just about any senior official. Dr Joseph Yu-shek Cheng, dean of the territory's Open University, said Mr Xu was clearly held responsible by Peking for the "organizational failure" of the Hong Kong party structure which he headed.

Amnesty campaigns for Chinese prisoners

By David Watts

A CHINESE student leader, arrested after last year's protests in Tiananmen Square, has been blinded in one eye and had both his legs broken, according to reports reaching Amnesty International.

Mr Wang Dan is one of tens of thousands of Chinese held in jails, labour camps and political re-education centres. So far, the authorities have only admitted that 6,000 are detained. All detainees are condemned under the Chinese prescription: verdict first, trial second. Amnesty International yesterday launched a campaign on behalf of Chinese political prisoners, releasing the names of more than 600.

New eyewitness accounts published by Amnesty also give the lie to the revisionists, who claim that no one died in Tiananmen Square on June 4 last year. One source told Amnesty that an armoured personnel carrier ran over seven girls in a tent, and there is evidence of at least one man being shot dead in the square itself. Executions have been continuing, with reports of at least eight groups of 20 prisoners being shot before dawn in two locations in Peking.

The campaign will build to a climax in London on the anniversary of the massacre, when a march from Chinatown will end with the erection of a replica of the Goddess of Democracy statue near the Chinese Embassy.

● PEKING: China's foreign ministry yesterday declined to comment on the proposal by President Lee of Taiwan for dialogue with China — the first such proposal by a Taiwanese leader in 40 years. (*AFP*)

Legal victory for working women

From Susan Ellicott, Washington

IN A landmark sex discrimination case, a Washington judge has ordered Price Waterhouse, one of the world's largest accounting firms, to award one of its coveted partnerships to a woman ruled out for the job seven years ago because colleagues thought she was too "macho".

America's working women often claim to have made bigger strides in the workplace than their European sisters, but complain that men still have too many of the senior corporate jobs at management level. Only 27 of Price Waterhouse's 900 partners are women and Ms Ann Hopkins, aged 46, was the only female nominee among 88 candidates for partnership when the firm considered her in 1982.

Her case is the first in which a court has compelled a company to make a person a partner as a remedy for discrimination for reasons of race or sex. An investigation into her failure to become a partner found that the firm passed her over because colleagues disliked her personal manner and suggested she should attend "charm school".

A lawyer representing Ms Hopkins, who now holds a senior management post at the World Bank here, hailed the court's decision this week as a ray of hope for all minorities striving for equal opportunities in America. A judge also awarded Ms Hopkins about $400,000 (£240,000) in back pay for earnings lost as a result of illegal "sexual stereotyping". The amount is the average salary earned today by management consultants at the firm who were made partners when Ms Hopkins was turned down.

Ms Hopkins, who is married with a family, has not yet said whether she will go back to Price Waterhouse, although the Washington judge has said that if she does he will order the firm not to retaliate against her for suing it.

The judge's decision is almost certain to fuel intense debate in legal circles, especially in a bureaucratic city like Washington where the American Bar Association estimates that at least one in 20 professionals is a lawyer.

For the past decade, law and accounting firms have agonized over whether they could be legally forced to give partnerships to victims of discrimination.

Ambitious lawyers for influential law firms in Washington routinely work 12-hour days seven days a week as they aim for the top, and many firms think that the judicial system should not intervene in decisions on partnership which are based on elaborate personal considerations.

After only four years at the company when proposed for partnership, Ms Hopkins had brought in more business to Price Waterhouse than any of her rival nominees. The firm told her in early 1983 that it had put her nomination on hold but did not explain why. Ms Hopkins resigned a year later and sued the firm for sex discrimination, thinking it had given her "an irrational explanation for a bad business decision".

Only later, when her case was in litigation, did she discover that the firm had bowed to partners' comments "that I needed to go to charm school, that I was too macho, that I was overcompensating to being a woman". Her case last year reached the Supreme Court, on the issue of the standards which employers and claimants in discrimination suits must prove.

Chile doubt on theory of Briton's suicide

Santiago — Judge Alejandro Solis, investigating the death of Jonathan Moyle, an English journalist and helicopter expert, expressed doubts about a suicide theory (Lake Sagaris writes).

Moyle, attending an international arms exhibition organized by the Chilean Air Force, was found hanging in a closet in a Santiago hotel in March. Judge Solis said he could not find a motive for suicide and, according to a half-finished letter in Moyle's room, he had planned to take part in a Bolivian drugs raid

Subway survival

New York — Miss Christa Newmann-Spallart, aged 26, an Austrian student who was shoved by an unknown man into the path of an oncoming subway train, escaped by rolling into the trough of the tracks and lying flat while the train passed over her. (*AFP*)

Unity search

Bujumbura — President Buyoya of Burundi has promised a "democratic constitution under a one-party government", ending his military rule, and a referendum on a charter aimed at unifying the traditional rival Tutsi and Hutu tribes. (*AP*)

Bases fears

Manila — The United States is concerned for the security of its personnel in the Philippines after two airmen were murdered, and negotiations aimed at resolving a dispute over payment for continuation of US military bases there failed again. (*AFP*)

Tourist killed

Nairobi — Luc Poppe, aged 31, a Belgian tourist reported missing in April, has been found dead in a river near Mount Kenya, a Belgian Embassy official revealed here. (*Reuter*)

Nazi charges

East Berlin — East Germany is asking Syria to extradite Herr Alois Brunner, a suspected Nazi war criminal accused of deporting thousands of Jews to death camps. (*Reuter*)

Poll arrests

Kuwait — Two pro-democracy activists, campaigning for a boycott of the general election next month, have been arrested on charges of holding an illegal gathering. (*Reuter*)

Drugs haul

Tokyo — Japanese authorities have seized a record 92.4 lb of cocaine on a Colombian banana boat and arrested one Colombian crew member.

Shamir seeks cash for new settlers

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

IN A signal of the hard-line stand his forthcoming right-of-centre Government is likely to take on the peace issue, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli caretaker Prime Minister, yesterday asked the Knesset (parliament) to approve extra spending of £14 million on Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.

At the same time Mr Teddy Kollek, the liberal Mayor of Jerusalem, who is normally critical of settlement policy, said recent remarks by Christian leaders attacking a Jewish settlement in the Christian quarter of Jerusalem's Old City were "deeply offensive".

The three-week period given to Mr Shamir by President Herzog to prove he can form a government expires today. Despite last-minute differences yesterday with the Orthodox religious party, Shas, over distribution of portfolios and the issue of electoral reform, Mr Shamir is said by officials of his Likud party to have "sewn up" a coalition with the religious parties and small, right-wing factions in the Knesset.

The religious and right-wing groups — and for that matter many members of Likud — are firmly opposed to the Middle East peace proposals put forward during the life of the previous Labour-Likud Government by Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State. Mr Shamir himself has ruled out the Baker plan for an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue in Cairo on the grounds that it would lead to direct talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization and open the way for negotiations on the status of Jerusalem, Israel's capital.

The new right-wing Government's guidelines reportedly contain a commitment to peace with the Arabs, but couched in vague terms in contrast to Mr Baker's attempt to persuade both sides to define their terms and set a specific agenda.

Israel reacted defiantly yesterday to President Gorbachov's assertion during President Mubarak's visit to Moscow this week that the settlement of Soviet Jews in the occupied territories, including East Jerusalem, was "dangerous and criminal".

Mr Shamir has also come under fire from Washington both for authorizing new West Bank settlements and for providing official funds for the attempted takeover by militant Jewish settlers of St John's Hospice, a church-owned hostel next to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

Undaunted, Mr Shamir yesterday asked the Knesset finance committee to release £14 million from the Housing Ministry's contingency fund to expand West Bank settlements, build new ones and improve settlement access roads, many of which bypass hostile Arab villages.

There is no official overall figure for settlement funding, which is scattered under different budget headings. But the funding is believed to be of the order of nearly £200 million a year. Mr Shamir's aides said yesterday's request was "routine" and consistent with the guidelines of the previous Labour-Likud Government.

A controversial report issued here yesterday aroused Israeli Army anger by claiming that one-fifth of all deaths by gunfire in the past two and half years of the Palestinian *intifada* were accounted for by children under the age of 16.

Mr Kollek: Finds Church remarks "offensive"

Strong yen breeds a new gallery of art collectors

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

EXPECT to see more of the world's most expensive paintings heading to Tokyo, where the strong yen, dizzy land values and, until their recent setback, soaring stock prices, have enabled more and more Japanese to live like Gettys.

But don't expect to see the art works on display in obvious places. One Japanese pinball arcade millionaire houses his Picassos, Chagalls and Renoirs in a museum he built by the side of a volcano in a remote part of southern Japan. Art lovers wanting to gaze at "Les Noces de Pierrette, the most expensive Picasso sold, when it was knocked down to a Japanese car parts company for £30 million, will have to trek down a museum next to its race track in southern Japan.

Mr Michimasa Marauchi, who became rich by selling a few well-located rice paddies to hungry property developers, runs a furniture shop in a humdrum Tokyo suburb in which he displays his spectacular collection from the Barbizon School, including 10 Courbets and as many Corots.

Mr Masahiro Takano, who runs the Green Cab taxi company, has built the world's biggest collection of paintings by the French artist Marie Laurencin: the works are on show at an out-of-the-way hilltop resort.

Money talks: Mr Hideto Kobayashi raising the price of a Van Gogh to $82.5 million

Yasuda Fire and Marine, berated by Japan's Finance Ministry for its dramatic dive into the art market in 1987, is a bit more accommodating. It has put Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" on public display at its Tokyo headquarters. It is hard to recall that the sale price of £24.75 million drew gasps just three years ago.

These are examples of the new breed of art collector that has sprung up in Japan, where the state is not a great benefactor of the arts but gives tax breaks to companies that want to add a bit of glamour to their reputation for ball-bearings or marine insurance.

Although many paintings go from an auction room to a well-bolted Japanese vault, more and more businessmen and small companies are starting up art museums outside which they can park their shiny Mercedes limousines. According to one estimate, 500 new museums have opened across Japan over the past decade. Their spending power would make British museums faint with envy.

The new Japanese owner of Van Gogh's "Portrait of Doctor Gachet", sold in New York on Tuesday night for a record $82.5 million (£49.7 million), is still unknown. Mr Hideto Kobayashi, the Tokyo gallery owner who bought the picture on behalf of a blue-chip company quoted on the Tokyo stock exchange, is saying only that his client wanted it at any price. "They are extremely pleased," he said.

Art experts reckon that four out of every 10 top quality paintings sold at the world's main auction houses now find their way to Japan. They say that the recent jitters on the stock exchange, rather than dampening Japanese buyers' enthusiasm for paintings, has in fact made top quality art look an even more attractive home for their spare cash. While Tokyo shares may be off their peak for the moment, land prices are still booming and creating new Japanese Rockefellers every day.

Owners of tiny corner stores, or Tokyo's famous urban farmers, who till a rice paddy barely bigger than a tennis court, become dollar-millionaires as soon as they sell up. Land in Tokyo's posh Ginza district fetches 37.7 million yen (£140,000) a square metre. Art is often a convenient way to hide money from the taxman.

A record 280 billion yen worth of art was imported into Japan last year, according to customs records: this is a five-fold increase over 1988. French Impressionist works were most favoured — they are easily recognizable, come with a reliable provenance and are seen by the Japanese as less risky than Old Masters.

The old days, when galleries, department stores (still the most likely place for well-heeled Japanese to pick up a Picasso), and a few private investors and collectors dominated the market, are over. Now everyone seems to be joining in the fun. "Coffee shops used to rent paintings worth 20,000 or 30,000 yen," said one art specialist, "but now there are company presidents willing to pay to rent a painting worth several tens of millions or even billions of yen so they can put it in their offices. It's getting so the average art gallery can't compete with the kind of money involved."

But the Japanese are not stopping at just picking up pictures. One of Japan's more colourful gallery owners, Mr Yasumichi Morishita, has bought a stake in Christie's, the house that auctioned the Van Gogh in New York. Mr Morishita, a financier with a criminal record and a racy reputation in Japan, became Christie's second biggest shareholder last autumn when he bought a £33 million stake in the British auction house.

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How deep the Labour allure?

David Butler

A few years ago no one would have believed that Labour could produce a policy review that went as far as this week's has done to free the party from the attributes that have made it so unsaleable over the past decade. Few would credit that the leadership would be willing to take such a leap, or that it could do so confident that the party would accept the revolution in stance.

Early this year a National Opinion Poll survey found a clear majority believing that a Labour government would put up prices, weaken the economy, add taxes, increase strikes, and weaken defence. However, the same poll (which put Labour in the lead in voting intention) found a majority thinking that Labour would improve education and health, reduce unemployment and add to freedom. This week's policy review may not be specific on what Labour would do, but everything in it seems designed to reassure the misgivings of voters who want a change but do not quite trust Labour in the economic field.

The party's descent between 1974 and 1983 was catastrophic. It fell from 39 per cent of the vote to 28 per cent. The recovery has been slow: in 1987 Labour's vote rose to 31 per cent and in the opinion polls the party lagged behind until a year ago. But now it is winning by-elections on record swings, achieving a best-ever local government performance, and staying handsomely ahead in the polls. This remarkable achievement owes a bit to the collapse of the centre parties, but far more to the disasters of the Government's economic and tax policies. The old adage, "Governments lose elections; oppositions don't win them", seems to be borne out.

In fact, oppositions, too, lose elections. Labour fared disastrously in 1983 and badly in 1987 because it was seen as soft on defence, anti-European, beholden to the unions, and financially irresponsible. At times in the Eighties it was fashionable to picture the party as in terminal decline. We have watched a miraculous escape. With the aid of the policy review, the party has sloughed off most of the policies that were frightening to middle Britain. It has repudiated unilateralism — and, anyway, in a post-*glasnost* world, people are less worried about defence. It has embraced the European Community. It has, to a considerable degree, drawn away from the unions' embrace and accepted most of recent employment legislation. And it has come to terms with privatization and with market forces. Is this enough? Will a prosperous property-owning electorate risk its well-being at the hands of these late converts?

The Conservatives are certainly frightened. At last there appears to be an alternative government, a cohesive group with plausible policies. Kenneth Baker and his colleagues are naturally intent on undermining faith in Neil Kinnock and his front bench and on demonstrating that the old, impractical, spendthrift socialist urges are still there behind their new image, burnished by the public relations men.

The evidence of opinion polls indeed shows that electors, while seeing Labour as more caring and better fitted to deal with the health service and employment, are still doubtful about Labour's capacity to handle the economy. There is no sign that Labour is offering an alternative with a deep-rooted appeal. Its strength comes from disenchantment at the perceived failures of Mrs Thatcher and her policies. Recent polls have shown a Labour majority among two groups which provided the core of the Conservative triumphs of 1983 and 1987 — skilled manual workers and even houseowners.

If Labour is now seen as acceptable, it is largely because it has embraced Conservative, if not Thatcherite, policies. And, as socialist governments in Australia and New Zealand have shown, the left can win repeatedly by stealing the clothes of the right.

Elections are fought in terms both of personalities and of issues. The next two years will see mighty efforts to discredit the parties by discrediting their leaders. Mr Kinnock's rating has risen sharply in the past 18 months and Mrs Thatcher's has plummeted. But such ratings are volatile. The parties' fate will be decided by a more general perception of the relative capacity and realism of the Conservative and Labour teams. Both are at the mercy of uncontrollable economic forces. There is not very much that John Major, the Chancellor, can now do to alter the level of inflation or of employment that will be affecting voters' judgement at the end of next year. We shall have to choose the devil we know or the devil we don't.

Labour has taken remarkable strides towards presenting itself as a possible government, but Conservatives will be skilled at pointing out that the men and the policies are untried. The City may like John Smith and find even his tax policies bearable. But do they believe that Labour's Treasury team, even when shackled within the European Monetary System, will be able to restrain the immense party pressures to spend more on health, more on education and more on social welfare — far more than can be covered by a peace dividend or a 10 per cent hike in income tax for the rich?

When it comes down to it, there is, perhaps, mercifully, no enormous gap between what a Labour government or a Conservative government will be doing in 1991-95. But the next two years will see some dedicated efforts by admen to suggest the chasm is vast.

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CLEMENT FREUD

BBC wardrobe rang on Tuesday morning, about what I was to wear. In olden days one agreed to television engagements not so much for the money, of which there was never a lot, but for the fringe benefits: they pressed your suit, shone your shoes, cut your hair and if you wore a white shirt they said "Oh dear, did you not know that white blows the cameras?" and provided you with a shirt that was coloured — and a tie to go with it. Later that evening, after the programme and food and drink in the green room and ringing friends in New Zealand ("I have this urgent phone call to make, may I use an office?") there never remained on the premises anyone of sufficient authority to whom to return the shirt and tie, so you took it home.

It was good to be on the receiving end of wardrobe once more. I remembered the drill: "Hello, 31-inch inside leg, chest 44, waist 38, hat 6¾, shoes wide fitting, size 10s."

Let me stop you there, said wardrobe. You are playing yourself.

I accept that, I replied, but playing myself in your clothes.

No, said wardrobe; wear the sort of clothes you would wear when going to dinner in the country in summer. I wore my suit; the one I usually wear.

The production secretary phoned on Tuesday evening. A black taxi, she announced, would call at my house at 7.45am, pick up Bernard Levin at his and take us both to Ealing Studios: make up 8.30, rehearsal 9.15, should be finished by early afternoon. "Not a big role?" She said no, not, but Elijah is very much looking forward to working with you; me, too, I said, to working with Elijah.

When I came downstairs on Wednesday morning the black taxi was waiting; the driver picked up Mr Levin, who lives in the same street, and took us to Ealing Studios, where they made *Kind Hearts and Coronets*, and at 8.30 make-up gave me a quick glance and said, "You look all right" — another indication that one is playing a minor role. Levin looked all right also. We were shown the canteen, had two cups of tea at 6p each and were called to the set at 9am.

When the credits roll at the end of a film you learn the identity of gaffer, best-boy, grip, assistant grip, deputy property co-ordinator, period consultant . . . yesterday morning at Ealing Studios they were all there, and their secretaries and dressers and other understudies and their uncles and aunts; the floor was strewn with cables. We met Elijah.

He said you are playing yourselves, you, Bernard Levin, are playing Bernard Levin and you, you. It is summer, you are going to this restaurant, which you Bernard Levin know and are showing to him, me — and the head waiter meets you and takes you to a table. You can make up what you say as you go along.

Leave it to me, I told Elijah, I am a member of Equity.

"Quiet, everyone, rehearsal," said a man. Levin and I stood outside a doorway, heard the man say "Action" and walked in. "The fish here is very fresh," said Levin; I asked him why his chauffeur wore a cape, and Albert Finney, as the head waiter, appeared and greeted Mr Levin and shook my hand. "Sir Clement." He had heard of me.

Will you, said Elijah, turn in this direction when you speak . . . and a property man marked the floor where we should stand. Another rehearsal, quiet please, action: "Mad cow disease has decimated the clientele here," said Levin; Jonty Meade didn't go for it a lot, said I, and Finney appeared saying Mr Levin and Sir Frement, sorry. Two more rehearsals and we tried a take, then another, a third. We were getting the hang of things: entered on cue, remarks from Levin, riposte from Freud, enter Finney, "Mr Levin, good to see you again." "Do you know Sir Clement?" "Know his name, of course," said Finney; we shook hands, he asked whether we would like a drink in the bar, and called a minion to lead us away.

Elijah thought we had done that scene just about as well as anyone could have done. It was 9.45am. "Now what?" I asked, beginning to rather enjoy things. Elijah said: "That's it, thank you, it has been a real pleasure working with you."

I don't suppose there will be much now until the Emmy awards.

John Hemming sets a practical agenda for today's international conference in London

Exploitation will save the rainforest

Renewable resources are the holy grail of the passionate army of rainforest conservationists. If only it could be shown that preserving those luxuriant jungles is worth more than destroying them, the campaign would almost be won. Any argument based on market forces is so obviously the best. Most of the countries with rainforests (which are the products of heat and of humidity generated by the Earth's spin, and therefore lie around the Equator) have crippling foreign debts; but they are suspicious that debt-for-nature swaps will mean loss of national pride or sovereignty.

Fernando Collor de Mello, Brazil's dynamic new president, expressed this attitude shortly after his election. Declaring that the environment would be a prime concern of his presidency, he added: "But not because of international pressure. I am a young man and I want a clean world, and so do most Brazilians. But we intend to achieve it for ourselves."

Appeals on moral or emotional grounds are hard to sustain. When conservationists plead that rainforests contain more than half of the planet's genetic diversity, that they are places of great beauty filled with millions of species of fellow creatures, or that they help to control the Earth's climate, the owners of the forests are apt to tell them to clean up the pollution in their own countries and replant the temperate forests.

In fact Brazil, which has 30 per cent of the world's surviving tropical forests, has responded fairly well to the moral arguments. The destruction continues — perhaps 10 per cent of the total rainforest there has already gone — but Brazil has granted protected status to 21 million hectares of Indian lands, an area three times the size of England. President Collor demonstrated his good intentions by appointing as Environment Secretary the country's most outspoken conservationist, José Lutzenberger, and by leading a drive to evict 40,000 gold prospectors from the territory of the Yanomami Indians.

In conversation with me last summer he acknowledged the folly of clearing rainforests to grow pasture and graze cattle on their impoverished soils, and said he was determined to forbid it if elected president. He was also fully convinced of the wisdom of tapping renewable resources, whenever they are found in the forests.

These views will provide a bond of common interest when the Prince of Wales visits Brazil in October. For the Prince returns to this vital aspect of rainforest conservation today in his address to the Rainforest Harvest conference at the Royal Geographical Society. His theme, a positive development of his February rainforest speech, will be that the intelligent harnessing of the world's richest ecosystem is the most constructive way to justify its protection.

The conference, bringing together scientists, native people and businessmen, will also hear examples of successful exploitation of renewable resources. By gathering the nuts, resins and fibres in a few hectares of their forests, peasant families near the mouth of the Amazon make $10,000 a year, four times as much as if they had destroyed them to raise scrawny cattle. Wild rubber is being tapped again in the western Brazilian state of Acre, and the local government has established an extractive reserve: an area where people may live and remove forest resources without destroying the trees.

Sustainable use of rainforests is no easy matter. It involves large-scale research. We still need to learn what the forests contain. The Royal Geographical Society's recent big Maracá Rainforest Project discovered more than 250 species new to science in one small part of northern Amazonia, and one of its botanists found a tree called Alexa that is full of an alkaloid that may in future be used to prevent Aids.

Ethnobotanists need to extract more knowledge from forest peoples, then ensure that they are properly rewarded if their skills are commercially exploited. There is a vast amount still to be learned about regeneration: tropical ecosystems are so complex that it is extremely difficult to replant forests that have been logged for their hardwoods. Pharmaceutical companies need to discover the benefits locked in millions of species of forest organisms. Tropical plants have already yielded medicines for Hodgkin's disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, malaria, leukaemia, dysentery, hypertension, heart surgery and epilepsy, as well as a form of birth control and a well known brand of insecticide; but the search for botanically based cures has scarcely started.

Almost as daunting is the need for education. Politicians and landowners have to be convinced of the continuing tax revenue, export earnings and profits to be made from intelligently exploiting forests. Local people have to be persuaded to tap renewable resources, which can be more skilled and exhausting work than felling trees with chainsaws and matches. Traders, retailers and consumers must then be educated to buy exotic tropical products. We all enjoy cocoa, Brazil nuts, cashews, bananas, avocados and many other fruits of the forest, but it will take skilled marketing to make us familiar with the delicious tastes of cupaçu or açai. These are practical ways of saving the rainforest.

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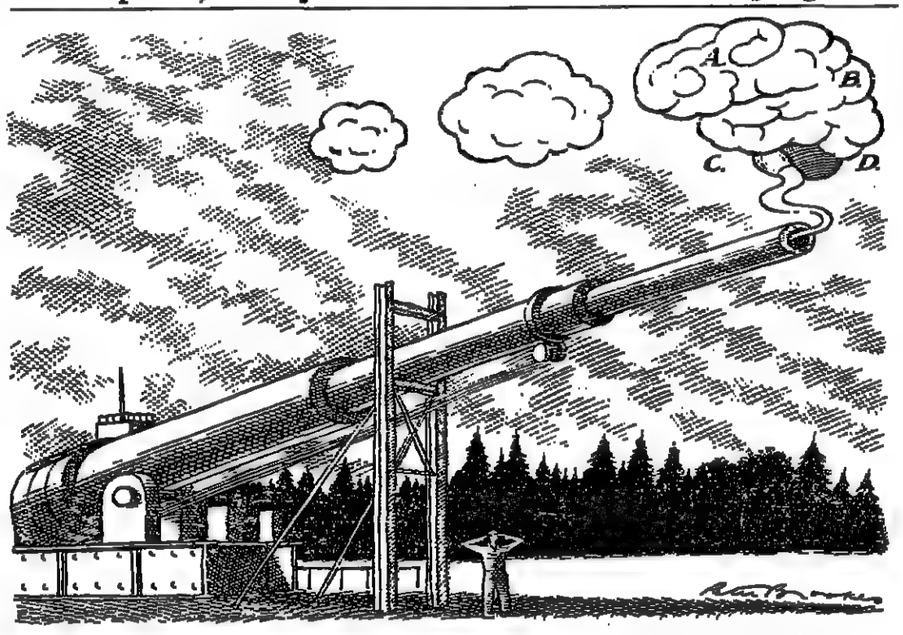
Science with head in the air and finger on the trigger

Bernard Levin sees human intelligence, and a noble discipline, betrayed in the drive to build a supergun



The story of the magic guns continues; a moment ago it was Italy's turn to wonder whether it has got a fearsome weapon or some of Harold Wilson's pipes, and now the quest goes to Germany. Why has Andorra been left out?

But — to my own astonishment, for this is the kind of thing that I would not normally let myself even think — I am rather glad that Dr Bull is dead, and I fervently hope that he will stay dead indefinitely.

When I was very young, there was a bogeyman called Sir Basil Zaharoff; somebody wrote a book called *Merchants of Death*, and he figured prominently in it. The merchandise consisted of weapons; Zaharoff was the leading arms manufacturer of the day, and this was thought reprehensible, though all sorts of other wickednesses were attributed to him, many of them, I fear, fully justified.

In those days, of course, arms meant nothing much worse than machine-guns, because there *wasn't* anything much worse than machine-guns. Today, when nerve gas is sold in Boots and hydrogen bombs in Mr Patel's corner shop along with lollipops and the newspapers, we are less sensitive, particularly because much of the arms trade has been nationalized; we do not think it odd to say that Britain, rather than Vickers, has just pipped the French or the Swedes on a contract to help some gang of bloodthirsty bandits in Africa murder more of their population more cost-effectively, while simultaneously arming the bandits' rivals against the day they come to power and start doing a bit of murdering on their own account. So although somebody must still manufacture the weapons, the odium which used to cling to Zaharoff and his like is nowadays mild, and no one would bring out a sequel to *Merchants of Death* which fingered specific arms traders. Except, perhaps, Dr Bull.

Dr Bull, for me, epitomizes the corruption of science that has gone on with ever-increasing speed since the Second World War. The corruption has nothing to do with backhanders or falsification of data; it is the principle that so much of today's science lives by: if it can be done, it must be done. Let me give an example.

I have taken no part in the argument over embryo research, apart, naturally, from assuming that whatever Lady Warnock believes, the opposite is almost certain to be true; but when it got to the bit about choosing — choosing, not predicting — the sex of an unborn child, I stopped and thought about India. When the technique gets there, and get there it assuredly will, there will be a demographic catastrophe without precedent in all history; so powerful is the desire (there are obvious economic reasons) for male children, that even the surreptitious killing of females at birth has long been practised, some say in considerable numbers. What do you suppose will happen when there have been a few generations of Indian parents in a position to ensure that all their children are male? Would such considerations deter Dr Robert Winston, dripping with the certainty of his rectitude?

When I think of scientists like Pasteur and McIndoe, Gowland Hopkins and Karl von Frisch, Cardan and Fleming, Jeans and Eddington, I feel that I am in another universe, though I was born when many of these were still alive (I was the last journalist to interview Fleming). I would like to ask them all for their candid opinions of Dr Bull; I would like to ask Galileo most of all.

For today's science cannot throw off responsibility for men like Bull, if only because it was in the present climate of science that he developed his beliefs. He was a genius, and therefore believed he could do whatever he wished with the guns he developed, without in any way being obliged to justify their use.

So obsessed was he with his abilities that he broke the law in the United States by selling weapons to South Africa, a criminal offence under American embargo laws, and went to prison. (He had become an American citizen, apparently in a huff because his native Canada would not give him the facilities he needed for his research, together with the *carte blanche* he wanted for the results.) But there is no evidence that he wished to supply South Africa with arms because he admired apartheid; it is even unlikely that he did so because he would make money by the transaction. He seems to have made his fearsome weapons for no better reason than that he was able to make them, and nobody else could; from that followed the belief that those who bought them might as well use them.

He supplied Iraq with them during the Iran-Iraq war; nobody seems to be sure whether he was selling them to Iran at the same time, but it is very likely; certainly he would have had no qualms about doing so. Indeed, it is clear that qualms were things he would not have noticed if he had woken up in the middle of the night and found them holding hands and dancing round his bed.

China, Yugoslavia, the Soviet Union, Chile — any nation which would bow down and worship at his monster guns could buy them. And he certainly was not driven by ideology; though the superguns of recent notoriety were going to Iraq, no doubt to be turned against Israel, I am sure he was no more anti-Semitic or anti-Zionist than he was pro-Botha in the South African deal.

The world is still awash with mad dogs; the Gadaffis and Mengistus, Kim Il Sungs and Saddam Husseins, Deng Xiaopings and Ayatollahs. It is only a few months, after all, since Ceausescu was put down. But these rulers of bloody fiefdoms have a logic that is recognizable, even if it consists of nothing but a gang of thugs enjoying luxury while their subjects starve. The Dr Bulls are something altogether different.

Werner von Braun is the nearest parallel. He had at least the practical sense to hitch his wagon to one horse at a time — first Hitler, then the United States — whereas Bull would deal with anyone who had the space to erect one of his guns and the inclination to fire it. But the deeper similarity is what is important; it is the nature, rare and terrible, which is literally incapable of understanding moral terms like right and wrong, as a man blind from birth cannot understand colours. (It is only a coincidence that Bull's interest in long-range ballistics was kindled by the wartime German rockets which were devised by von Braun, but it is an entertaining one.) Most such people live obscure lives, though from time to time one may commit murder and get into the headlines; occasionally, however, they are men of gigantic intellect, with understanding beyond even the rest of their generation of scientists, analysing and innovating at a level which ordinary mortals not only cannot aspire to but cannot even recognize. What should we do, what *can* we do, with these? We usually claim that we take from them what is valuable and leave the rest, but it is an empty boast; many bought Dr Bull's goods, but did any manage to tie him for long to loyalty, wisdom or responsibility?

The world will play who-shot-him for years to come; there is no shortage of candidates. But my interest in him is now limited to the comforting thought that he is dead. I have no real hope that he will prove to be the last of his kind, but perhaps his fate will warn off a few. Anyway, there is an irony to relish in the fact that the man who made the world's biggest gun perished by one of the smallest.

THE TIMES DIARY

Cost defective benefits

The Department of Social Security has paid £6.4 million in rent for offices in central London that stood empty for 14 months. The lease on three storeys of the Adelphi building was signed in October 1988, but they remained unoccupied until January this year, when the first DSS staff arrived. Other staff are still waiting to move in and some 500 staff are eventually due to be accomodated at the 1930s building near Victoria Embankment, in a move designed to make the DSS's operations more cost-effective. When *The Times* put this unhappy tale to the relevant tenant, the DSS washed its hands of the matter. "The Department of Health is the estate manager. All inquiries should be directed to them, not us," said a spokesman.

For the Department of Health, a spokeswoman intoned: "It takes time to modify buildings. There were problems with the air conditioning and computer system, and partitions had to be put in. Ask the Property Services Agency." The PSA said to ask Property Holdings. It reluctantly confirmed that the DSS pays rent of £55 a square foot, which is near the upper end of the scale, because of the prime site the building occupies, and has been doing so for 18 months. Both Tory and Labour MPs yesterday said that they would raise the matter on the Commons Social Services Select committee. The DSS decided it needed the new office space to house — yes, its economists.

● *There is no question of the opening of Jim Henson's film of Roald Dahl's* The Witches *on May 25 being delayed following his death. But the opening will now become a memorial to the Muppet master who died in a New York hospital yesterday. Henson, who achieved the near impossible task of transforming Anjelica Huston into a hideous monster for the film, will be much missed.*

Open verdict

Was BBC Radio breaking the law last night when it interviewed "12 good men and true" about their experiences as jurors? Strictly speaking, goings-on in the jury room cannot be divulged, and the Lord Chancellor's Department said yesterday, before transmission, that it would be "taking note" of the interviews. The BBC, however, is confident that the rules are

sufficiently ambiguous to allow discussion when the jurors and cases are not identified (this newspaper last year conducted a similar exercise without sanction). The findings of the programme, says John Mortimer, a participant, are depressing. The general picture is that "no one paid any attention during the proceedings, and some did not listen at all". Yet the author and barrister says his faith in the jury system is unshaken. "If we left all the decisions to judges, we would get equally blurred, prejudiced and lazy answers about how they arrived at them."

McEwan's miss

Back in the days when there was a cold war, the CIA and MI6 mounted a joint operation to tunnel underneath the Berlin Wall, tap the KGB telephone cable and record the results on hundreds of specially manufactured tape-recorders. Operation Gold is now the subject of two books: a non-fictional account by James Rusbridger entitled *The Intelligence Game* and a fictional treatment in Ian McEwan's latest novel, *The Innocent*. Rusbridger appeared on BBC2's *The Late Show* last week to talk about the operation, and produced one of the ancient tape-machines used to tap the KGB and manufactured by the British Ferrograph Company of South Shields. But to the disgust of British spooks, McEwan, normally noted for the meticulousness of his research, has attributed their manufacture to the Ampex Corporation of Redwood, California. One patriotic ex-spy said yesterday: "I suppose he was anxious to demonstrate that Britain was too technically incompetent to play anything other than a token part in Operation Gold."

Bully for you

Tory MPs, loyal to the last to British beef, are staging their own tasting ceremony on the Commons Terrace today. The event has been organized by Robert Adley, MP for Christchurch, who has also tabled a Commons motion condemning the relentless attack on British farmers by professors who he says display symptoms akin to BSE. Top of the menu will be steak supreme, prepared under the watchful eye of Cheltenham MP Sir Charles Irving, chairman of the Commons catering committee. A variety of beef dishes will be served to show solidarity with the beleaguered British cow. "British beef is the best in the world and just to prove we mean it we will eat it after it has been cooked in our very own Commons kitchens," enthuses Sir Charles.

On the beaches

Fifty years ago, Major Toby Taylor was sitting on a French beach. "Brushing away a few dead Frenchmen," as he put it yesterday, "I arranged a circle of deckchairs, and we all sat down and waited to be evacuated." With about 40 other Dunkirk veterans, Taylor will today be at the Imperial War Museum for a reunion to celebrate the publication of Ronald Atkin's *Pillar of Fire: Dunkirk 1940*. According to Taylor, the men on the beach were very orderly and patient. "I had been slightly wounded in the shoulder, so I wandered off into the town — which was being bombed and shelled — to find medical help. On the way I had my hair cut by a barber and saw my face in a mirror for the first time for days. I looked about 90; I was 21."

Taylor was eventually evacuated after four days by a hospital ship, which was already drawing away when he arrived. "Someone leaning over the stern called to me to jump; which I did, clinging on with one hand. And he dragged me over the side. The clean, modern ship was like heaven after the hell of bombing, shelling and stinks I had left behind." Also present will be Albert Gaskin, of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, who will be remembering his messmate Corporal Priday, according to the Imperial War Museum, the first British casualty of the war, killed on December 9, 1939.

● *Red faces at the White House; where visitors are liberally sprinkled with souvenir matchbooks embossed with the presidential crest. The firm which makes them has recently moved operations. Now, beneath the proud symbol of the United States' highest office, appear the words: "Made in Canada".*

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MAD COWS AND ENGLISHMEN

For all his smiling assurances, Mr John Gummer's handling of bovine spongiform encephalopathy does not inspire any more confidence than did his predecessor's handling of salmonella. Public nervousness over mad cow disease in Britain at the moment is not so much over the disease but over the official response. The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food would do well to address himself to this institutional malaise.

The condition is chronic and the symptoms well known. The public is fed on a diet of recycled official phrases – "offal" would not be too strong a word – about how everything is fine and there is nothing to worry about, mixed with nasty-tasting scare stories sometimes deriving from learned but non-governmental experts whose opinions no responsible journalist can ignore and no sensational journalist apparently resist. The latter syndrome – mad press disease – is not excusable. But shrewd ministers should nowadays at least build the disorder into their calculations.

Public bodies, such as those dealing with school or hospital meals, are irresponsible in reacting to the atmosphere of panic by sudden and capricious bans on all British beef products. The panic is based on ignorance, not all of which is excusable. There is a small risk in all food, including the most natural, but the circumstances in which the risk arises are not beyond analysis and rational assessment.

BSE is a disease of the brain and spinal cord of cattle, and the risk of infection is confined to the consumption of those parts, and even then only if there has not been adequate heat treatment. The possibility that BSE could be transferred to humans is speculative, based on the argument that the causative agent seems to have transferred from sheep to cattle, and therefore might conceivably jump the species barrier again. Drastic steps have already been enforced to remove BSE-infected meat from the animal and human food chain.

Spongiform encephalopathy is endemic in the sheep population, and known there as scrapie. There is no reason to believe British beef is now more dangerous to humans than British mutton and lamb has been for years. In so far as there is controversy among the experts, this is largely about how to eradicate the disease from British cattle in due course, rather than how to protect the public now. Hence the formal public reassurance yesterday from the Government's Chief Medical Officer, Sir Donald Acheson.

Food manufacture is advanced technology, driven by considerations of productivity and profit. The original transmission of the agent responsible for BSE seems to have occurred when the meat production business realized there could be even more profit if the industry consumed its own entrails by feeding protein extracted from the otherwise unmarketable parts of sheep to cows and perhaps to cats.

Whether nature has a taboo against feeding vegetarian animals to each other is for biologically-minded mystics to discuss. The rest of us can have no complaint at such profitable ingenuity, except when there appears the slightest risk of regulators and inspectors not doing their job. The industry requires close monitoring by independent authorities, and the Ministry of Agriculture reqnires a standard of clarity, openness and unequivocal truthfulness in public statements that has not, in the past, been characteristic.

A categorical assurance from Mr Gummer that no parts of any British animal known to be affected – or its offspring – are being consumed in any way, even as pet food and even abroad, is now necessary. If he gives that assurance, he is entitled to be believed. What worries the public is its total lack of confidence in ministerial assurances to date. The Government collectively has yet to convince sceptics that the changes in food safety introduced after the salmonella scare were more than cosmetic. There was then evidence of internecine civil servants and self-interested industrial and research lobbyists playing fast and loose with public concern. Complete ministerial disclosure of everything that is known or suspected about BSE is essential, preferably under cross-questioning by the forthcoming inquiry of the House of Commons Select Committee on Agriculture. Intelligently applied scepticism is the quickest route back to public confidence in British beef.

A MATTER FOR BRITISH STEEL

Thatcherism has come to Ravenscraig and, some would say, not before time. Yesterday's announcement by British Steel of the closure of the strip mill at the steel complex near Motherwell was met with a predictable outcry in Scotland and at Westminster. The convener of the shop stewards said that it was an outrage. The Scottish National Party said that it was "the grossest possible betrayal of one of the finest workforces anywhere in Europe". The Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, who had his unhappiest afternoon in the Commons since the fiasco over the poll tax rebate, described the decision as "arbitrary and unreasonable".

The writing had long been on the wall for Ravenscraig, and in the clearest and firmest of hands. The four-and-a-half decades since the end of the war have seen the industrial face of Scotland change beyond recognition. Shipbuilding was the first to go. The car industry did not long survive the 60s. In the 1970s it was the turn of coal. Particularly since privatization, steel was bound to follow. The Scottish industry minister, Mr Ian Lang, made it plain earlier this year that there was nothing the Government either could or would do to save Ravenscraig from closure. "We take a hands-off approach", he said, "and believe industrialists are better managers". Investment decisions were for British Steel. These should be informed by economic rather than geographical criteria.

This makes Mr Rifkind's response in the Commons the more curious. The closure will initially entail the loss of almost 800 jobs, and could well mean the end of steel production in Scotland within four or five years. Sir Robert Scholey, the BSC chairman, spelled out the reasons in unemotional terms. Demand has fallen by more than 10 per cent in the past year. This, together with an increase in imports, has put the company under pressure to lower costs.

Yet what do Mr Rifkind and his Cabinet colleagues expect to happen? When Labour's industry spokesman, Mr Gordon Brown, demanded that British Steel be summoned to "explain themselves", the meaning was clear: public subsidy to keep the plant open. But BSC has no explaining to do. Its function, as its chairman repeated yesterday, is to present competitively-priced, high-quality steel. That is not a role they could long sustain if investment were to be misdirected to unprofitable enterprise. All over England, former steelworkers understand this point. Has 10 years of Conservative Government still not brought it home to Scotland, nor even to the Scottish Office?

It is as well for the Conservatives that the British Steel announcement did not come before the recent local elections and last week's reasonably successful party conference in Aberdeen. Mr Rifkind's embarrassment, however, is as nothing compared with that of his junior colleague, Mr Michael Forsyth, who is also the party's Scottish chairman.

Mr Forsyth made an uncharacteristically accommodating call yesterday for "unity of purpose" between all of Scotland's political parties; the workers of Ravenscraig, he said, "deserved to be supported". This will occasion some hilarity in other parts of the political spectrum because Mr Forsyth has been a leading apostle north of the border of free-market economics and a consistent critic of the "dependence" economy.

There is no law of nature which says that steel-making is essential to a nation's, or a region's, well-being. If banking, knitwear and electronics make more money, and offer more jobs, then those are the directions in which the formidable skills and energies of the Scottish people should be directed. A return to the government intervention to prop up uncompetitive industries that characterized Labour's last period in power is unthinkable. Messrs Rifkind and Forsyth should not, by their words, offer encouragement to such reaction.

ART IN THE MARKET-PLACE

Van Gogh's portrait of his doctor fetches almost £50 million at an auction in New York. Renoir's *Au Moulin de la Galette* is likely to go for nearly as much tonight. Monstrous! cry the killjoys. How can one painting be worth so much? Shame! cry the publicly-funded museums. How shall we ever be able to afford a masterpiece? Both should think again.

The price of a painting is determined – like the price of anything else – by supply and demand. The supply of Old Masters is, as the painters are now dead, fixed. Moreover, the supply entering the open market is small; partly because masterpieces are, by definition, rare treats, mainly because almost all have long since been snapped up by national museums.

Yet the demand has been rising fast: a consequence of 45 years of peace and prosperity, and of a relatively recent but welcome appreciation of Western culture by the East. The economies of America and Japan have been more successful than Britain's; so those two countries have more money to spend on art. But Britons can at least be grateful that, unlike the Japanese, they have had centuries to build up great collections of art, much of which was either expropriated from other countries or bought for very little.

The price of a painting should be exactly what the bidder who is keenest to buy it is prepared to pay. How else can a work of art be valued? There is every reason for a masterpiece – which gives immense aesthetic delight, is of great historical importance and is, of course, unique – to fetch huge sums of money. Most countries' public museums have been priced out of the market for these record-breaking paintings. But if they were more flexible about their own collections, they could increase the market supply of great paintings and hence bring the prices down to more affordable levels.

British museums were furious when the arts minister, Mr Richard Luce, suggested in 1987 that they might consider selling off unwanted works in order to broaden their collections. So vehement were they that he eventually backtracked, saying he thought they should only think of disposing of duplicate works.

They should do more than that; but they should be wary about which works they sell. It is tempting to suggest that works that are not on display should be put up for sale to finance other purchases. That could be a mistake. Most of these works are hidden in basements because they are unfashionable. Now, they would go for a song; in a few decades' time, perhaps for large sums. Only 40 years ago, Victorian paintings were derided. Today they can fetch hundreds of thousands of pounds.

It would make more sense for the galleries to look at the balance of their displayed collections and see how they could be improved. The sale of one out of many Gainsboroughs might raise enough money to fill a whole new room dedicated to a lesser artist.

The artistic judgement of previous curators is not sacrosanct. Bequests and acquisitions since their time will have changed the balance they created. Now is the time for museum trustees to behave imaginatively. No collection is perfect; all can be strengthened. Railing against the market is not the most constructive way to go about the task.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BSE and possible dangers in beef

From Professor Emeritus Ivor H. Mills

Sir, The article by Dr James Le Fanu ("Taking an axe to crush a microbe", May 15) does not do justice to the problem raised by the presence of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in animals used for human consumption.

As members of the Endocrine Committee of the Medical Research Council in the 1970s, we had to consider the possible risk of spreading the similar human disease Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease by using pituitary glands from cadavers to prepare human growth hormone. Injection of this hormone is essential for children who do not grow because they lack the hormone.

We went to considerable trouble and took advice from various experts, including those working on scrapie in sheep, to convince ourselves that the procedure to extract the growth hormone was safe. Nevertheless, a limited number of children around the world did develop Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, including two in this country.

The use of human pituitary growth hormone was stopped and fortunately bio-engineering enabled a totally different type of procedure to be used, avoiding the use of human pituitaries.

What I think we should learn from this is that it is not good enough to say the chances of harm, we think, are very small. It is unlikely that cows with BSE are not harbouring the active agent for some months before the cow manifests the disease. We must, therefore, take steps to ensure the safety of what we eat. Rigorous exclusion of the animal tissues involved from the food of humans and animals is essential.

If BSE is like scrapie, the lymphoid tissue is involved in the early infective stage and this (spleen, thymus, tonsils and intestines) must be rejected as well as the brain and spinal cord. It must be done with sufficient care that potentially infected tissues cannot contaminate the meat we are to eat.

It is unwise to allow the use of these tissues from calves under six months, as at present, just because in scrapie they are not obviously infective at that stage. We do not know that the agent is not transmitted from mother to young at the time of birth. The forceful exclusion of all the tissues from sheep and cattle which could carry the agent is the most essential precaution.

The report that British beef will not be provided by some authorities in meals for schoolchildren does not reflect a sensible precaution. The muscle of infected animals appears to be safe as shown by our consumption over several decades of meat from sheep, some of which might be carrying scrapie at the stage when it is not obvious. The risks must be much greater from made up meat products when unscrupulous people could allow some of the banned tissues to get into the prepared foods.

It must similarly be just as potentially dangerous to allow the banned tissues to be used to feed chickens and pigs, just because the disease, so far, has not appeared in these species. When it appears it is too late, as we now know with cattle.

Yours faithfully,
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May 16.

British help for Eastern Europe

From Dr R. G. Bowers

Sir, "Where are the British?" asks R. H. Nicholson (May 8) in terms of English language teaching (ELT) for Eastern Europe. Had he asked the authorities in Poland, in Hungary, in Czechoslovakia and the German Democratic Republic he would have got the answer.

Four hundred thousand pounds of project assistance to accelerated teacher training was announced last week by Douglas Hurd for Poland. A further £1.2 million over five years will be available to support English for management training and development.

In Hungary we await the new government's authorisation of a £1.75 million Know-How project to set up a National Institute of Languages with British, as well as German, staff and resources – to form the hub of a new teacher-training network which ties in with World Bank proposals for the reform of higher education.

English for management is being provided already by such organisations as International House and the Bell Educational Trust. Summer schools and training courses have been agreed for Czechoslovakia and the GDR, the latter with West German collaboration.

At the end of this month high-level discussions in Prague, Bratislava, and East Berlin will establish those governments' own priorities for spending the significant funds which HM Government has already earmarked for ELT.

Voluntary Service Overseas will be putting British teachers into Poland – not at random but into those institutions where they will have the greatest impact. The demand is huge – an additional 100,000 teachers needed across Eastern Europe by the end of the decade – and it will not be met by short-term expedients. We, with the new authorities, are looking at systemic change through training, books, examinations. This is a big investment but one which the British Council, with wholehearted Government support, is prepared to make.

And of course all offers of scholarships and attachments under Know-How funding and existing programmes carry with them the provision of language tuition where necessary. Mr Nicholson's doctors from Charles University need have no fear on this score, and the Council office in Prague will make the necessary arrangements.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER BOWERS (Controller, English Language and Literature),
The British Council,
10 Spring Gardens, SW1.
May 10.

From the President and the Chairman of the British Polish Legal Association

Sir, We are one of many bodies which have been helped by the creation of the Know-How Fund, and while it must be accepted that Mr Boyes's criticism (report, May 1) has some foundation, the activities of this association would not have been possible without the understanding and prompt help of the fund.

In the last six months we have held a highly successful seminar on commercial and banking law in Warsaw, attended by about 150 Polish lawyers. We have brought over the first wave of trainee lawyers, who have been offered hospitality by leading City firms and barristers' chambers, and the second wave is arriving early in June. We will hold a seminar near Oxford on July 6 on "Investment in property" and "New policy for housing" with a high-powered Polish delegation, led by the Deputy Minister of Justice and leading barristers and professors in that field.

On September 2 we start a joint seminar on protection of the environment, followed by an administrative and local government law seminar, both to be held in Krakow. The British delegation will be under the leadership of Lord Ackner and Sir Frank Layfield, QC.

On September 24, a workshop seminar on commercial law in Warsaw will be led by Professor Roy Goode, QC, the Norton Rose Professor of Law at Oxford. A scheme of establishing a Faculty of English Law at a Polish university is under consideration; a judicial exchange next year is at a planning stage, and further legal training and other legal activities in 1991 are contemplated.

Some of the work we do is still privately funded and all of it voluntary. There can be no doubt that the taxpayer is receiving good value for comparatively little money. Most important of all, our activities are carried out in conjunction with the Polish National Bar Council or their Ministry of Justice.

Yours faithfully,
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May 16.

Future of the mail

From the General Secretary, Union of Communication Workers

Sir, Your special report on the Royal Mail (May 8) failed to alert the public to the possibility of a serious reduction in service. Make no mistake, the Royal Mail would like to know if the public would be prepared to accept a single, later delivery.

Mr Bill Cockburn, managing director, asserts that if customers signal that current service standards are "not so important to them", this would allow delivery staff to enjoy more attractive attendance times. What he does not mention is that abandoning the second delivery would boost profits by giving a worse service with around 10,000 fewer delivery staff.

The union agrees that the problems of increasing mail volumes and a shrinking labour market are very real and must be tackled with vision. We doubt whether the public would accept just one delivery throughout the day, even with guarantees on the overnight mail.

Yours sincerely,
ALLAN TUFFIN,
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UCW House, Crescent Lane, SW4.

Poll tax benefits

From the Leader of Wandsworth Borough Council

Sir, Your allegation about "manipulation of government grants to certain 'flagship' London councils" (leading article, May 8) is wrong. Wandsworth achieved the lowest community charge in mainland Britain despite the lowest level of government grant in inner London.

Although Wandsworth benefits from the safety-net redistribution between authorities, we benefit less than several other London boroughs, and the sum involved is so small that without it we would still enjoy one of the lowest charges in England. Wandsworth residents voted last week for Conservatives to continue their long record of low-cost good quality services, and not, as you implied, in a short-sighted response to an electoral bribe.

However reluctant you may be to acknowledge it, the community charge could achieve its aim of strengthened accountability, given time and stability.

Yours faithfully,
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May 9.

Five men in a boat

From Commander H. St. A. Malleson, RN (Rtd)

Sir, Having spent much time in Montagu whalers in the past, notably in Fleet and flotilla regattas, I was interested in the letter from Mr Rivington on the subject (May 9).

The bow oar was normally placed to starboard, but when taking part in pulling races, the side chosen depended on the weight and strength of the bow oar. Whalers could be of 25ft or 27ft length – mostly the latter. They were better under sail than oars, but in either case they were handy seaboats.

I still have two silver model oars as mementoes of winning crews in Atlantic Fleet regattas in 1930.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH MALLESON,
Bear House, Dallington,
Heathfield, East Sussex.

From the Director of HMS Belfast

Sir, I was most interested in Mr Rivington's letter about the technicalities of cut-throat rowing in a Montagu whaler.

I am sure that readers would like to know that the technical term for rowing in the Royal Navy is "pulling". It appears that the term arises because naval seamen were not very concerned with the finer points of rowing, such as feathering the oar at the end of each stroke, but more concerned with getting the blade square into the water and pulling it through with maximum force.

Yours faithfully,
TONY COLLINS, Director,
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Tooley Street, SE1.

From Mr Keith C. Pettitt

Sir, Mr R. T. Rivington's letter about the five-man Montagu whalers raises an interesting question.

Why the odd number of oarsmen? Was this because there were too many men for a four-man boat, or not enough for a six?

Yours faithfully,
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Co. Durham.
May 11.

Architecture courses

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, It was with ironic amusement that I read of the Department of Education's proposal to reduce the length of architectural degree courses from five to four years (report, May 4).

In 1950 a number of third-year students lobbied their MPs for just such a reduction. In their case, however, the urge to do so was pretty strong. Having served in the Armed Forces for five to six years, and having embarked in 1947 on a five-year full-time course of architecture, the idea of 11 years devoted to earning an undoubted pittance, and not very much more to follow, seemed intolerable. However, each of us, in truth at that stage, was aware of just how little we knew of the craft we had espoused.

Believe me (and I hope my fellow professionals), five years is just long enough to acquire an apprenticeship in draughtsmanship and a rudimentary knowledge of building technology, coupled with the possibility of a flair for design. There is no end to studentship in architecture.

Yours truly,
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May 4.

Business ethics

From the Reverend Professor Jack Mahoney

Sir, Professor Barry ("When the businessman is victimized", May 3) shows scant awareness of how the study of business ethics has become publicly established in the past 20 years in the United States and has recently begun to develop fruitfully in Britain and the rest of Europe.

He parades the standard defence of insider-trading in terms of the efficient marketing of information and the alleged lack of victims. He takes no account, however, of its corrosive effect on the social and market bonds of trust, or of its abuse of privilege, or of the loss to sellers unaware of the potential value of their shares.

Professor Barry's objections to the social accountability of business should not mask the minimal ethical expectations that business should provide a service of value to society and avoid deliberately or carelessly inflicting harm.

Such an adversarial relationship between business people and the rest of society, with ethics in business as the battlefield, disregards the many members of the business community who are themselves concerned that business be conducted ethically for the benefit of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,
JACK MAHONEY (Director, Business Ethics Research Centre),
King's College, WC2.
May 4.

Branches of surgery

From Mrs Enid M. Byford

Sir, Having kept a morning appointment with my gynaecologist I returned home for an afternoon appointment with the local chimney sweep, whose van advertises that he is a flueologist.

Yours faithfully,
ENID M. BYFORD,
Fairhaven, Oake,
Taunton,
Somerset.
May 10.

High-class vegetables

From Mr N. R. MacNicol

Sir, Apart from the Gloucester market episode (letter, May 15), the only evidence I can recall that a social stigma attaches to some vegetables is a remark overhead in an RAF officers' mess about 20 years ago. An aristocratic member waved away the dish offered by a waiter with the haughty and emphatic dictum, "Swede is not an officer's vegetable".

Those of us who had already been served ate ours in a guilty silence.

Yours faithfully,
N. R. MacNICOL,
9 Church Lane,
Greetham,
Oakham,
Rutland.
May 15.

Campbell libel case

From Mr Brian Raymond

Sir, I hesitate to comment on Bernard Levin's tirade (May 10) against my statement in open court in the Duncan Campbell case, but there are a couple of points which deserve to be heard.

Every word of a statement made after the settlement of a libel action has to be agreed by the lawyers who represent the defendants and the BBC's solicitor is as skilled and hard-headed as any you could find. Mr Levin can call it "bilge" if he likes, but he should at least acknowledge that what I said in court was specifically endorsed by both the BBC and the author of the defamatory play.

As the broadcast of this play coincided with the publication of the new and much-proclaimed BBC guidelines on the depiction of real persons in drama, a number of viewers felt that the allegations of shoplifting, betrayal of sources, etc., must be true, or the BBC would not have dared to put it out.

The wounds caused by being called a name you do not deserve can be as severe (and much slower to heal) as any caused by a stick or a stone and citizens of a civilized country need adequate remedies for both. Bernard Levin's self-denying ordinance against the use of the services of the libel lawyer may not be much of a high-minded sacrifice for someone who has the platform of a weekly column in a major national newspaper.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN RAYMOND (Partner),
Bindman & Partners, Solicitors,
1 Euston Road,
King's Cross, NW1.
May 10.

From Mr Michael Rubinstein

Sir, Right, many may think Bernard Levin to be, in principle, to suggest that libel claims should be actionable, like claims in slander, *only* where special damage – actual monetary loss by the claimant – can be proved. In quoting the settlement of Duncan Campbell's libel action against the BBC as a peg on which to hang his over-simplified argument, Bernard Levin has forgotten that an allegation of the commission of a crime is one of the few exceptions to that "only", and Duncan Campbell was, as Levin says, by accepted implication accused of shoplifting.

In the absence of either evidence of publication with malice, when an award of aggravated damages may be justified, or proof of special damage, a new law of defamation, long overdue, should limit any possible award of damages to costs and a nominal sum – say, £500 – and speedy publication of an agreed correction or retraction of the libel. Would-be claimants as well as vulnerable offenders, never mind their lawyers, would welcome the justice of such a measure to terminate the present farcical situation.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL RUBINSTEIN,
Rubinstein Callingham
Polden & Gale,
2 Raymond Buildings,
Gray's Inn, WC1.
May 10.

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Return to sender

From Mr John E. Crowther

Sir, I recently had cause to complain to the Post Office about misdirected and lost mail.

The Bradford Customer Complaints Unit forwarded a form for completion and return in their pre-paid, self-addressed envelope – on the back of which is printed: "If undelivered please return to . . ."

Yours, per fax,
JOHN E. CROWTHER,
28 Milton Avenue,
Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire.
May 14.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 16: His Excellency Mr Tadeusz de Virion was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Poland to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Zbigniew Matuszewski (Counsellor), Commander Kazimierz Glowacki (Military, Naval and Air Attaché), Mr Karol Drozd (Counsellor, Cultural Affairs), Mr Piotr Jedrzejowicz (Counsellor, Maritime Affairs), Mr Leslaw Zapalowski (Counsellor), Mr Janusz Dluzynski (First Secretary) and Mr Krzysztof Jakubowski (First Secretary).

Mrs de Virion was received by Her Majesty.

Mr Roger Tomkys (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Air Marshal Sir John Sutton was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-chief of Jersey.

Lady Sutton was also received by Her Majesty.

Mr Edward Sharland (British High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea) and Mrs Sharland were received by The Queen.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (*Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury*) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief Royal Canadian Regiment, left Heathrow Airport, London this morning for Canada where His Royal Highness will visit the 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, New Brunswick.

Major Sir Guy Acland, Bt, was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Reay (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the arrival of The President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Mrs Mubarak and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 16: The Princess Royal, President, Windsor Horse Trials, this morning held a Windsor Horse Trials Press Conference at Buckingham Palace.

Her Royal Highness, President, British Olympic Association, afterwards attended a General Purposes Committee Meeting of the British Olympic Association at 1 Wandsworth Plain, SW18.

This afternoon Her Royal Highness, President, Women's Royal Naval Service Benevolent Trust, attended the Trust's Annual General Meeting at the Victory Services Club.

Afterwards The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, attended a Council Meeting of the Royal Yachting Association at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, Knightsbridge. Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE:
May 16: The Prince of Wales held a meeting to discuss the relevance of foreign language skills to business success.

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, received Mr Stephen O'Brien. Subsequently His royal Highness gave a lunch for business leaders.

The Princess of Wales attended the National Aids Trust Conference "Women, Aids and the Future" at the Commonwealth Institute, W8.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 16: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visited the Isle of Wight and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (The Lord Mottistone).

Her Royal Highness visited the Adelaide Club, Ryde, and was later entertained at luncheon by the Chairman of the Isle of Wight County Council.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon opened the remodelled County Primary School and Community Hall at Newchurch.

Her Royal Highness later opened the St Vincent Holiday Apartments built by the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops at Ryde.

Mrs Charles Vyvyan and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 16: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, this afternoon received the Right Reverend Michael Mann as a Knight of the Order and subsequently enthroned him as Prelate of the Order, at the Grand Prior Church of St John, Clerkenwell, London EC1. Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Counsel and Care for the Elderly, this afternoon attended the Annual General Meeting at Plaisterer's Hall, 1 London Wall, London EC2.

In the evening, Her Royal Highness attended a concert in aid of the Surgical Laser Appeal for the Middlesex Hospital at Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London, SW1.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 16: The Duke of Kent, as Patron, this morning attended the British Menswear Guild's Annual General Meeting at Wool House, Carlton Gardens, London SW1 and later attended the Guild's Luncheon at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, London SW1.

Mr Andrew Palmer was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the International Social Service of Great Britain, this morning visited the International Spring Fair at Kensington Town Hall, London W8.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Newbury Spring Festival, this evening attended a Festival Concert given by the Philharmonic Orchestra in St Nicholas Church, Newbury, Berkshire.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 16: Princess Alexandra was present this evening at a Reception held by the Shakespeare Globe Trust at St James's Palace. Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit RAF Lyneham at 11.10 to mark its fiftieth anniversary and one million flying hours of the RAF Hercules; and the 5th Airborne Brigade on Salisbury Plain to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Airborne Forces.
The Prince of Wales will open the Valuing the Rainforest Conference, organised by Friends of the Earth, at the Royal Geographical Society at 10.45.
The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the British Deaf Association, will visit the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Society for the Deaf, 22 Forest Road West, at 11.05; will open the Nottingham Indoor Tennis Centre, University Boulevard, at noon; will visit Raleigh Industries, Triumph Road, at 1.10; and the Bestwood Centre, Bestwood Road, Bulwell, at 2.15.
The Princess Royal will open the Contractors and Mechanical Plant Engineers thirtieth annual exhibition at Haydock Park Racecourse at 12.20; open Vulcan Village of the Maritime Housing Association at Newton-le-Willows at 2.15; and open the new laboratory block at the British Textile Technology Group, Shirley Towers, Didsbury, at 3.15. Later, as President of the Save the Children Fund, she will attend a gala performance of *Miss Saigon* at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, at 7.35.
The Duke of Gloucester will attend a Royal Literary Fund lecture to mark the fund's 200th anniversary at the Royal Society of Arts at 6.30.
The Duchess of Gloucester will visit the War Memorial Hospital, Edenbridge, Kent, at 11.25; will open the Physic Garden, Petersfield, at 12.55; visit the Crowthorne Schoolpersons Bike Club at 2.05; and open the Rushmoor Fire Station, Farnborough, at 2.40.
The Duke of Kent, as Honorary President of the Royal Geographical Society, will attend the Rainforest Harvest Conference at the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, London SW7 at 10.30; will open the new Thames Magistrates' Court, 58 Bow Road, E3, at noon; and, as President of the Football Association, will attend the replay of the Football Association Challenge Cup Final at Wembley Stadium at 7.00.
Princess Alexandra will attend the annual luncheon of BEN-Motor and Allied Trades Benevolent Fund at the Savoy Hotel at 12.30.

Birthdays today

The Earl of Airlie, 64; Vice-Admiral Sir Thomas Baird, 66; Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael Beetham, 67; Sir Rodric Braithwaite, diplomat, 58; Professor D. Cameron Watt, historian, 62; Sir Charles Cawley, scientist, 83; Professor J.D. Craggs, electrical engineer, 75; Sir John Garlick, civil servant, 69; Sir Ronald Halstead, deputy chairman, British Steel, 63; Dr Raymond Hide, geophysicist, 61; Lord Hirshfield, 77; Mr Sugar Ray Leonard, boxer, 34; Sir Eric Mensforth, former president, Westland Aircraft, 84; Miss Birgit Nilsson, soprano, 68; Sir Alec Ogilvie, former chairman, Powell Duffryn, 77; Lieutenant-General Sir Douglas Packard, 87; Sir Edward Playfair, civil servant, 81; Mr Dennis Potter, playwright, 55; Mr Roger Powell, bookbinder, 94; Mr Michael Roberts, jockey, 36; Lord Tombs, 66; Captain Sir Miles Wingate, former deputy master, Trinity House, 67; Lieutenant-General Sir David Young, 64.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward Jénner, discoverer of vaccination, Berkeley, Gloucs, 1749; Anna Jameson, writer, Dublin, 1794; Robert Smith Surtees, sporting writer, The Riding, Northumberland, 1803; Sir Norman Lockyer, astronomer, Rugby, 1836; Erik Satie, composer, Honfleur, France, 1866; Henri Barbusse, novelist, Asnières, 1873; Dorothy Richardson, novelist, Abingdon, Oxon, 1873.
DEATHS: Sandro Botticelli, Florence, 1510; Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury 1559-75, London, 1575; Catherine I, empress of Russia, 1725-27, Leningrad, 1727; Samuel Clarke, theologian, London, 1729; Charles Maurice de Talleyrand, Périgord, statesman, Paris, 1838;

OBITUARIES

SAMMY DAVIS JUNIOR

Sammy Davis Junior, the black American singer, dancer, actor and comedian, who was one of the most talented entertainers of his generation, died yesterday after a long illness, aged 64. He was born on December 8, 1925.

A SLIGHT man who stood only five feet five inches, who self-mockingly summed up his disabilities by describing himself as "a one-eyed black American Jew", Davis was held in affection by millions, and was capable of filling theatres, concert halls and nightclubs throughout the world.

Blessed with apparently inexhaustible energy and driven by intense ambition, particularly as a young man, his stage appearances were marked by relentless activity of almost every conceivable kind from tap dancing, impersonations and drum solos to more orthodox singing, dancing and comedy. At one point he was consuming two bottles of bourbon a day when he was performing, and he was later to admit to using both marijuana and cocaine.

Davis was arguably the first black popular entertainer completely to cross the racial barrier in the United States and become acceptable to both white and black audiences on his own terms. Remarkably, he achieved this during the 1950s and without once descending to the subservient black stereotype of the "Stepin Fetchit" tradition of the 1930s.

His irrepressible good humour on stage, coupled with an instinctive and self-deprecating wit, contrived to help him over the hostility he encountered during the earlier parts of his career. It was an assertiveness which had been fostered by his upbringing as a performer, for Davis hardly knew any other life than that of a professional entertainer.

Davis was born in Harlem, New York, the only son of two dancers in a black vaudeville troupe known as Will Mastin's Holiday in Dixieland. Shortly after the birth of his younger sister Ramona, when he was two, his parents separated and his father took him on a vaudeville tour. At the age of three Davis made his professional début with the Mastin troupe as "Silent Sam, the dancing midget" and he was to perform with Mastin and his father for many of the next 25 years.

With no formal schooling, Davis entered the United States Army in 1943, at the age of 18. He was soon the victim of racial abuse. His nose was twice broken in fights, and on one occasion five white soldiers painted him white. He was, however, taught to read properly by a black sergeant.

After the war Davis returned to performing with Mastin and his father as the Will Mastin Trio, but it was not until 1951 that he, and they, were to experience sustained success. That came after an appearance at Ciro's nightclub in Hollywood. Davis's exuberance and the youthful impudence of his array of talents helped to establish him.

In 1956 Davis's ability was acknowledged on Broadway, when he starred in the musical *Mr Wonderful*, and in 1959 — partly through the influence of his lifelong friend Frank Sinatra — he was cast in the film version of *Porgy and Bess*. In the following year Sinatra cemented Davis's film career by inviting him to appear in the film *Ocean's 11*, together with other members of Sinatra's "clan", including Peter Lawford and Dean Martin. Davis went on to make more than 20 films, including two more with Sinatra, though he was more effective as a live performer.

An unselfconscious, generous man, Davis attracted strong criticism in 1956 over his conversion to Judaism. He answered the charge that he was insincere by declaring: "I chose to become a Jew because that's the religion in which I felt most comfortable".

A relationship with the actress Kim Novak was followed by a brief marriage to the black dancer Loray White in 1958. Two years later he married the Swedish actress Mai Britt, an act of considerable courage when unions between black and white partners were anathema to the American showbusiness establishment. They had a daughter, Tracey, and adopted two sons, Mark and Jeffrey.

Throughout the 1960s Davis's career prospered, reaching its peak in 1964 when he played the boxer torn between the ring and his violin in a Broadway revival of Clifford Odets's play, *Golden Boy*. He later brought the production to London.

After the breakdown of his second marriage in 1968, however, his career never quite recovered. Although appearances in Las Vegas, and in concert, underlined his enormous popularity, the effects of prolonged alcohol and drug abuse became increasingly clear. During the 1970s he was frequently struck by illness, including one severe attack of viral pneumonia.

But Davis's fine singing voice was not affected and his rendering of popular ballads like "As Long As She Needs Me" or "What Kind of Fool Am I?" in a soft, lilting, almost spoken style, continued to demonstrate a sensitivity and phrasing that rivalled Sinatra's own; while his restless dancing and singing in songs like "Mr Bojangles" and "Birth of the Blues" were almost without equal on the variety stage.

Never content to be only an entertainer, Davis was a director of the Therapeutic Living Centres for the Blind in the United States — having lost his own left eye in a car accident in 1954 — and was unstinting in his work for charities of every kind. He entertained American troops in Lebanon in 1983, although on political matters he was inconsistent, supporting both John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon for the Presidency.

Towards the end of his career he performed less regularly. He continued to make occasional films and he appeared on day-time soap operas on American television. In 1988 he made light of an artificial hip to embark on a strenuous come-back tour of 29 American and Canadian cities with his old "clan" colleagues Sinatra and Dean Martin, though Martin was forced to withdrew through illness.

In April 1989 he gave a sell-out performance at the Royal Albert Hall in London with Sinatra and Liza Minnelli in a show called *The Ultimate Event*. Later last year, while celebrating 60 years in showbusiness, he was already engaged in a desperate battle against throat cancer.

In 1970 he married the black dancer Altovise Gore, who was some 24 years his junior, but they had no children. She survives him, with his daughter and adopted sons.

JIM HENSON

Jim Henson, creator of The Muppets, died yesterday aged 53 in New York. He was born on September 24, 1936.

Puppet figures who included Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy and Fozzie Bear, the Muppets first became popular through the children's television series *Sesame Street*, which Jim Henson devised in the 1960s, and went on to feature in their own show.

Sesame Street was an innovative one-hour series on American public service television aimed at teaching basic maths and English to under-privileged inner city children from one to five years.

Very soon it transcended this limited educational purpose and became compulsive viewing in more than 80 countries of the world .

Henson himself provided the voice for Kermit, one of his most popular creations. In 1976 he moved to Britain to make *The Muppet Show* for ATV, after Lord Lew Grade had correctly seen that the characters had an even greater potential.

A lively mix of jokes and songs, the show ran for five years and became one of the most widely seen television programme in the world, with an estimated 235 viewers in some 100 countries.

Henson was born in Greenville, Mississippi, and claimed that he became a puppeteer by accident when he needed a job between high school and college. He studied the art of puppetry at the University of Maryland.

With a fellow student, Jane, who later became his wife, he devised an act with puppets and marionettes which they performed on local television.

This was the first appearance, years before the puppet figure became nationally-known, of Kermit the Frog.

During the 1980s Henson successfully adapted the puppet format to a feature film fantasy *The Dark Crystal*.

Last year Henson sold the rights to the Muppets to the Walt Disney company, reportedly for $100 million.

Recently he worked on Nicolas Roeg's film, *The Witches*, creating a spectacular sequence involving the massacre of hundreds of sponge rubber mice.

He is survived by his wife and five children.

ERIC NEIL

Professor Eric Neil, John Astor Professor of Physiology in the University of London at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School from 1956 to 1984, died aged 72 on May 8. He was born on February 15, 1918.

THE son of a schoolmaster, Eric Neil came from Cumbria and was educated at Heath Grammar School and the University of Leeds. After graduating in science and medicine he stayed at Leeds as Lecturer in Physiology until joining the late Professor Samson Wright — whom he was indeed to succeed at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School in 1950.

Here was a challenge to keep for Wright was a superb teacher, and from the very first Neil gave generously of his time to teaching, both for those of the ordinary class and those selected for the honours degree in science.

Most days he found time for investigative work, the days often stretching late into the night. To watch him as he worked, for instance, on single nerve fibre preparations was to see manual dexterity of surpassing skill.

Neil was all his professional life essentially "a laboratory man" and he wrote much on his most valuable field of research — the carotid sinus, a dilated portion of the common carotid artery near its termination, and on the closely-related carotid body. His *Reflexogenic Areas in the Cardiovascular System* (with Prof C. Heymans) published in 1958 remains an essential reference work. *Circulation* (with Prof B. Foltou) followed in 1971, and the *Mammalian Circulation* in 1974.

Neil, however, also took a great interest in medical history and so it was almost inevitable that *The Life and Work of William Harvey* should come from him in 1975.

Although a cardiovascular physiologist by reputation, and honoured as such at home and abroad, he took the whole human body as his province. Thus, with the late Prof C. A. Teele, he continued Samson Wright's *Applied Physiology* through four editions over a period of 26 years after the original author's death.

He did as much as anyone to foster international links in physiology and was Secretary (1968-74) and then President (1974-80) of the International Union of Physiological Sciences, as well as chairman of the European Editorial Board of Physiological Reviews.

He had also been Honorary Treasurer of the Physiological Society.

As a friend and colleague, teacher and mentor, Eric Neil was kind, humorous, cultivated and knowledgeable over a wide range. Music gave him particular pleasure and he played the piano well. Cricket, too, was a great love.

He is survived by his wife, Anne, whom he married in 1946 and by two daughters.

Marriages

Mr G.F. Lacey and Miss S. Gubbin
The marriage took place at St Aldates Church, Oxford, on Thursday, May 10, between Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey and Miss Susan Gubbin. The Rev Dr J. Stott officiated assisted by Canon David MacInnes and Dr O.S. Hawkins.

The bride was attended by her twin sister Angela Feuz and the bridesmaids were Tamara Feuz, Lady Sybilla and Lady Natasha Rufus Isaacs and the page Sascha Feuz. The Marquess of Reading was best man and Captain G.J. Ward, CBE, was Chief Usher.

A reception was held at Blenheim Palace.

Mr F.R.C. Stickney and Miss L.A. Byng
A service of blessing was held at St Michael's Church, Gittisham, on May 12, following the marriage of Mr Francis Stickney, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Currier Stickney, of London, W4, and Miss Lucy Byng, daughter of the late Mr L.H.R. Byng and Lady Mary Anne Denham, of Curlditch House, Gittisham, Devon.

A reception was held at the home of the bride, and the honeymoon will be spent in the Far East.

Group Captain R. Stone and Mrs G.J. Stewart
The marriage took place quietly yesterday in Brighton, between Group Captain Richard G. Stone, of Uckfield and Mrs Jane Stewart (formerly Walker) of Brighton, and recently Esher.

Mr D.A. White and Mrs B.C. Wiley
The marriage took place on Friday, April 27, in Yorkshire, between Mr David Anderton White, of Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, and Mrs Brenda Coleman Wiley, of Lincoln.

Dr Christopher Kaye

A memorial service will be held for Dr Christopher Kaye, at Isleworth Parish Church, on Saturday, June 9, at noon. Enquiries to Tessa Hayward, 081 560 6662.

Mr Duncan Stirling

A memorial service for Mr Duncan Stirling will be held at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London SW1, on Friday, June 15, at noon.

The British Society for Parasitology

The 29th AGM of the Society was held at Aberdeen University on April 5, 1990. The following were awarded Honorary Membership of the Society: Prof G.S. Nelson, Prof G.H. Urquart and Dr A.O. Lucas. Dr B.M. Ogilvie (President 1988-1990) and Dr C. Facer (Hon Meetings Secretary 1987-1990) retired from office. The new President is Prof C. Arme, the Vice President, Prof D.H. Molyneux and the Hon Meetings Secretary, Dr D. Rollinson. The 30th AGM Of the Society will be held at Liverpool University on April 4, 1991.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.J. Biggart and Miss S.E. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Sam Biggart, of Glenshian, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, and Susan, elder daughter of Mrs Elizabeth Edwards and the late Mr Bill Edwards, of Langlands, Woldingham, Surrey.

Mr B.G.R. Callaghan and Miss K.T. Coleman
The engagement is announced between Bruno George Roderick, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Callaghan, of Gibraltar, and Katharine Theresa, daughter of the late Mr Anthony Coleman and of Mrs Anthony Coleman, of Goudhurst, Kent.

Mr P.J. Edwards and Miss A.A. Heaps
The engagement is announced between Peter Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Tony Edwards, of Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hampshire, and Amanda Anne, only daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs William Heaps, of Marley Heights, Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr J.C. Gilmore and Miss C.S.N. Jay
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ralph Gilmore, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Jay.

Mr D. Hughes-Hallett and Miss K. Hosie
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs David Hughes-Hallett, of Effingham, Surrey, and Kirsten, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David D. Hosie, of Hong Kong.

Mr P. Jolliffe and Mademoiselle C.C.M.D. de Loisy
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Jolliffe, of Lytham, Lancashire, and Claire, youngest daughter of the late Monsieur Michel de Loisy and of Madame Michel de Loisy, of Nuits st Georges, France.

Mr E.B.P. McConnell and Miss C.R.R. Sarsfield
The engagement is announced between Eamon, son of Mr and Mrs Edward McConnell, of Toronto, Canada, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr Dominick Sarsfield, of Ottawa, Canada, and Mrs Richard Neame, of Bishopsbourne, Kent.

Mr C.A. Milner and Miss C.A. Rhodes
The engagement is announced between Clive, son of Mr and Mrs D.C. Milner, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs N.M. Rhodes, of Polegate, Sussex.

Mr F.V.H. Neate and Miss E.J. Pentland
The engagement is announced between Vincent, elder son of Mr and Mrs F.W. Neate, of Barnes, London, and Emma, elder daughter of Major D.A. Pentland (RM retd) and Mrs Pentland, of Burley, Hants.

Dr M.J.W. Potts and Miss M.S. McGeever
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs Bill Potts, of Monkseaton, Northumberland, and Mari, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael McGeever, of Rhyader, Powys, Wales.

Mr S.J. Richardson and Dr E.J. Tofts
The engagement is announced between Steven John, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Richardson, of Cottingham, East Yorkshire, and Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Tofts of Cerne Abbas, Dorset.

Mr G.E. Windsor-Aubrey and Miss C.M.J. Gibney
The engagement is announced between George, only son of Mr and Mrs P.M.M. Windsor-Aubrey, of Abbots Worthy, Winchester, and Cathryn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E.E.F. Gibney, of Kells, Co Meath, Ireland.

Luncheons and dinners

Britain-Bermuda Society
Viscount Dunrossil, Chairman of the Britian-Bermuda Society, presided at the annual luncheon held yesterday at Guildhall.

British Property Federation
The Annual Luncheon of the British Property Federation was held yesterday at the London Hilton on Park Lane. The Guest of Honour was the Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, Lord President of the Council. The President, Mr P.J. Hunt, was in the chair. Those present included:
Councillor Mr Simon Mabey, Lord Mayor of Westminster; Sir Terence Heiser, Permanent Secretary, Department of the Environment; Sir Neil Shields, Chairman, Commission for New Towns; Lord Alexander of Weedon, Chairman, National Westminster Bank, and other guests.

English Speaking Union
Mr David Hicks, Director-General of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, and Mrs Valerie Mitchell, deputy director-general, received the guests at a literary luncheon held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Mr Frank Muir was the guest of honour and speaker. Mr David Hicks presided and Mrs Edward Norman-Butler, chairman of the cultural affairs committee, also spoke. The American Ambassador and Mrs Catto were among the guests.

The Royal Fusiliers Officers' Club
Major-General Bryan Webster presided at the annual luncheon of The Royal Fusiliers Officers' Club held yesterday at HM Tower of London.

Royal East Kent Regiment
Former officers of the Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) held their annual luncheon on May 16, 1990, at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea. Major B.J. Harris-St John presided.

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, Prime Minister of Greece. The other guests were:
The Greek Ambassador, Mrs Dora Bakoyianni, Sir David Miers and Mr Charles Powell.

Institute of Metals
Dr W.L. Mercer, President of the Insitute of Metals, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Grosvenor House. Sir Norman Fowler, MP, and Sir Peter Gadsden also spoke. Among those present were:
Lord Gregson, Baroness Platt of Writtle, Mr Alfred Morris, MP, the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson, Sir Robert Scholey, Sir Monty Finniston and Sir John Collyear.

The Marketing Group of Great Britain
Mr David Wynne-Morgan presided over the dinner held last night at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The Guest Speaker was Dr Norman Wooding, CBE, Chairman of the East European Trade Council.

Order of St John

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior of the Order of St John, enthroned the Right Rev Michael Mann as the new Prelate of the Order of St John in succession to the Right Rev Lord Coggan at a ceremony held yesterday at the Grand Priory Church of St John, Clerkenwell.

Memorial services

Lord McAlpine of Moffat
The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher attended a celebration of the life of Lord McAlpine of Moffat held yesterday in St Paul's Cathedral. The Dean of St Paul's officiated, assisted by the Rev Stephen Waine. Canon John Halliburton, Canon in Residence, and Viscount Tonypandy, President of the National Children's Home, read the lessons. Lord Colnbrook gave an address. The Archdeacon of London was robed and in Quire.

The Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Deputy Prime Minister, Lord Belstead, Leader of the House of Lords and Lord Privy Seal, and the High Commissioner for Australia attended. Among others present were.

Lady McAlpine of Moffat (widow), the Hon Sir William and Lady McAlpine, Lord and Lady McAlpine of West Green and the Hon David and Mrs McAlpine (sons and daughters-in-law), the Hon Robin and Mrs Borwick (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs Ian Lewis (stepson-in-law and step-daughter), the Hon Skye McAlpine, Mr Edward McAlpine, Mr Andrew McAlpine, Miss Lucinda McAlpine, Mr and the Hon Mrs Simon Taylor, the Hon Victoria McAlpine, Miss Katherine McAlpine, Miss Elizabeth McAlpine, Mr and Mrs Paddy O'Hagan, Mr and Mrs James Borwick and Mr and Mrs Richard Borwick (grandchildren), Mr Timothy Lewis and Mr James Lewis (stepgrandsons), Finn O'Hagan and Eknan O'Hagan (greatgrandsons), Mr and Mrs Ian McAlpine, Mr and Mrs Bruce McAlpine, Mr and Mrs Malcolm H McAlpine, Mr and Mrs Kenneth McAlpine, Mr Richard McAlpine, Mr James McAlpine, Mr and Mrs B McAlpine, Mr and Mrs Adrian McAlpine, Mr and Mrs C McAlpine, Mr Hamish McAlpine, the Hon George Borwick, Lord Borwick.

The Marquess of Hartington (representing The Jockey Club), the Earl of Westmorland (Master of the Horse), the Earl of Stockton, the Earl of Halsbury, the Earl of Inchcape, the Earl of Cork and Orrery, the Earl of Lauderdale, the Earl of Orkney, the Countess of Lindsey and Abingdon, the Earl and Countess of Effingham, Earl and Countess Ferrers, Viscount Whitelaw, CH, Viscount and Viscountess Slim, Viscount Watkinson, CH, Viscount Long, Lord Eden of Winton, Lord Seebohm, Lord Plowden, Lord Shawcross, QC, Lord Pym, Lord Wyatt of Weeford (chairman, Horserace Totalisator Board), Lord Hunt of Tamworth, Lord Gray of Contin, Lord Forte, Baroness Hooper, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Lord Beaverbrook, Lord Prior, Lord Lyell, Lord Congleton, Lord Croham, Lord and Lady Wolfson, Lord Carr of Hadley, Lord Tombs, Lord Johnston of Rockport, Baroness Hooper, Lord and Lady Rayne, Lord Pennock, Lord Brougham and Vaux, Lord Boardman, Baroness Airey of Abingdon, Lord Chelmer, Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, Lord and Lady Merrivale, Lord Renton, QC, Baroness Trumpington, Baroness Faithfull, Lord and Lady Strathalmond, Lord and Lady Swaythling, Lord Stevens of Ludgate (chairman, United Newspapers), Lord and Lady Marshall of Leeds, Lord and Lady McFadzean, Lord and Lady Fraser of Kilmorack.

Mr Norman Tebbit, CH, MP, Mr Norman Lamont, MP, Mr John Biffen, MP, Lady Valerie Daniel, the Hon Mrs Webb, the Hon Kenneth Lamb, Dr the Hon Jonathan Hunt, the Hon Michael Spring Rice, the Hon Julia Sloner, the Hon Hugh and Mrs Lawson, the Hon Barry McFadzean, the Hon Mark Slim, the Hon Rocco Forte, Major-General Sir John Younger, Sylvia Lady Wilkinson (Order of St John Musical Society), Sir Graham Wilkinson, Sir William Lithgow, Lady Yarrow, Sir Robert and Lady Ropner, Sir David Crouch, Sir Reginald Murley (also representing, president, Royal College of Surgeons), Sir Peter Cazalet (chairman, APV), Sir John Tilney, Lady Salomon, Sir Desmond Heap, Sir Peter and Lady Menzies, Sir David Steel, Sir Alan Pullinger, Colonel Sir Piers Bengough (British Racing School), Sir Jack [illegible], Sir Julian Ridsdale, MP, and Lady Ridsdale, Sir Alex Alexander, Sir Duncan McDonald, Sir Denys Lasdun, Sir David Woodbine Parish, Sir Neil and Lady Westbrook, Sir John and Lady Davis, Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch.

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Mr Christopher Reeves (Merrill Lynch), Mr F Connolly (Peter Brett Associates), Mr B R Fossett (C I N Properties), Mr Peter S Winfield (Healey and Baker), Mr Alastair Morton (Euro Tunnel), Mr Alan Plumpton (Maracam-Europe), Mr Howard Gott (Entropy), Mr William H Yates (Knight Frank and Rutley), Mr Simon Camamile (Jones Lang Wootton), Mr D Gwilym M Roberts (Acer Consultants), Mr Michael Beswarts (Sealink British Ferries), Mr Philip Chappell (Investment Trusts), Mr Alan Massey (Project Management International), Mr Geoffrey Morris (Gardiner and Theobald), Mr Geoffrey Wilson (Greycoat), Mr J C C Stewart (British Nuclear Forum), Mr D J Miller (Scottish Power).

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Professor Donald Longmore (Royal Brompton and National Heart Hospital), Major Christopher Hanbury (Dorchester hotel), Mr Nunc Willcox (Garrick Club), Mr Basil Winham (P & O), Mr Ron Emery (Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors), Mr Christopher G F Harding (British Nuclear Fuels), Mr John Collier (UK Atomic Energy Authority and Nuclear Electric), Mr D J O'Leary (representing City Surveyor, Corporation of London), Mr G H Inglis (Urenco), Dr J Dickson (Ashtree and Son), Mr W Mathieson (Land Securities), Mr Gavin M MacEchern (Arlington Securities), Mr Peter H J de Vink (Edinburgh Financial and General Holdings), Professor P F Stott (Institute of Civil Engineers).

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Sir John Sinclair
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Sinclair was held yesterday at St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield. The Rev Arthur Brown officiated and Mrs Shirley Kennedy read the lesson. Mr Harold J.J. Denholm, Mr John Atterbury and Sir George Trevelyan paid tribute.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

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BIRTHS

BAILLIE - On May 1st, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Linda (née Monk) and Iain, a son, Christopher Harry Duncan.

CLEGNAC - On Saturday May 12th, at The Portland Hospital, to Vivien and Jacques, a daughter, Sophie Olivia.

CONSTANT - On May 3rd, to Lucy (née Sciacaluga) and Adrian, a daughter, Carlotta.

DHADA - On May 12th 1990, at The Sharp Memorial Hospital, San Diego, California, to Safiah (née von Bissing) and Mustafah, a daughter, Roxana von Bissing.

DWYER - On May 16th 1990 at St Lukes Hospital, Guildford, to Sarah (née Griffith) and Rogan a daughter, Rosanna Kate.

HAWKINS - On May 14th, to Andrea (née Headley) and Nicholas, a son, David Nicholas Headley.

HAWKSLEY - On May 6th, to Ann (née Kearns) and Anthony, a daughter, Lily Monica Jean, a sister for Amber.

HENRY - On May 10th, to Kathleen and Ian, a beautiful daughter, Rosemary Grace.

HOWLEY-BERRIDGE - On May 16th 1990, to Delia and Richard, a son, Tobias James Robin, a brother for Hugh Richard Patrick.

INGHAM CLARK - On May 15th, to Pippa and Alex, a son, Charles Alexander, a brother to Georgina.

MACINTOSH - On May 7th 1990, in Hong Kong, to Alastair and Valerie, a son, Thomas, brother to Joanna.

MURPHY - On May 14th, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, to Hilary (née Denwood) and Anthony, a son, Oliver James Wolstan, a brother for Alexander and Amanda.

NEWALL - On May 6th, at St George's, Tooting, to Lucia and Charles, a daughter, Melissa, sister to Thomas and Philip.

ROBERTSON - On May 7th, to Dina (née Lamberton) and Gareth, a daughter, Phoebe Beth Jessye.

SKINNER - On May 12th, to Dilly (née Cleveły) and Quentin, a son, Rollo, a brother for Bruno.

STANIER - On May 6th, to Lynn and Richard, a beautiful daughter, Katherine April.

STRANG - On May 13th 1990, to Molly (née Francis) and Andrew, a son, William Peter, a brother for Alastair and James.

VERNES - On May 11th, at The Portland Hospital, to Jean-Philippe and Maitanne (née Hunt), a daughter, Philippine Victoire Marie.

VERNON - On May 15th, in Hong Kong, to Vanessa (née Hudson) and Simon, a son, a brother for Jamie.

WILLAN - On May 15th, to Kate (née Turner-Lashmar) and Michael, twin sons, Hugh and Charles.

WRIGHTON - On May 11th, to Stacey (née Rich) and Kim, a son, Alun Matthew John.

DEATHS

BARRY - On May 13th, at his home in Jersey, Richard, aged 58 years. Beloved husband of June, loving father of Victoria and Lucy.

BENNETT - On May 12th 1990, Kenneth Henry, known to his family as Kurt, suddenly at home, at the age of 72. He will be greatly missed. Funeral on Thursday May 17th at 2 pm, West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11. No flowers by request.

BONE - On May 5th, Greta Pearce Bone, of Langwood Gardens, Watford, peacefully at home, aged 67. Funeral Service and cremation will take place at the West Herts Crematorium on Monday May 21st at 11.30 am. Flowers from family and close friends only. Donations if desired to charities, c/o J. Worley (Funeral Directors) Ltd., 1 Christchurch Road, Hemel Hempstead, tel: (0442) 53465.

CAFFERATA - On May 11th, Rhoda Eva, widow of the late Bernard Cafferata. Much loved aunt of Nicholas and Cherry. Funeral on Tuesday May 22nd at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 2 pm, Haslemere, Surrey. Any enquiries to G.M. Luff & Partners, tel: (0428) 3524.

CASH - On May 14th, suddenly in hospital, Winifred, aged 92, after enduring pain with great courage. Devoted mother of Helen and dearly loved by son-in-law Tom.

COPPLESTONE - On May 15th 1990, after a long illness, Kathleen Mary, wife of the late Leonard and mother of Jill, Linda and Nancy. Cremation service for family only.

DAWES - On May 13th, peacefully at Pax Hill Residential Unit, Bentley, Farnham, Surrey, Lilian Agnes Dawes, much loved mother of Michael, mother-in-law of Jennifer and grandmother of Jonathan, Timothy and Philippa. Funeral at 4 pm on Tuesday May 22nd in the Parish Church of St James', Weybridge, Surrey. Family flowers only, donations to R.N.L.I.

FURLONG - On May 15th, in Thame, Rev Kenneth H, dearly loved by all. Service at St Mary's, Thame, at 10 am on Monday May 21st. Donations to The Cottage Hospital, Thame, C/O Surman & Horwood Funeral Service, Roman Way, Crowell, Chinor, Oxford, OX9 4RP. 'In Thy presence is fullness of joy.'

KEENE - On May 9th, suddenly and peacefully at home, aged 86, Arthur Keene, of Bush Hill Park, Enfield. Much loved uncle to John and David, he will be sadly missed by his family and his many friends. Funeral Service at 12.30 at New Southgate Crematorium on Tuesday May 22nd. Flowers or donations to Masonic Samaritans Fund c/o A Seawards & Sons. tel: (081) 886-6101.

KINGSLEY - On May 15th, peacefully in hospital at Brighton, Michael Holt, aged 75. Funeral at The Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on May 22nd at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to Cancer Research.

LANGSTADT - On May 13th, peacefully at the Links Nursing Home, Bradford, Florence, beloved wife of the late Eric. Cremation at Lawns Wood Crematorium, Leeds, on Friday May 18th at 1 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Sue Ryder Foundation, Cavendish, Suffolk CO10 8AY.

MORRIS - On May 15th, suddenly in Buxton, Norfolk, Don. Dearly loved husband of Marian and father of Andrew, Gillian and Fiona. Funeral Service to be held at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, on Wednesday May 23rd at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Any donations to National Asthma Campaign.

PATTERSON - On May 8th, peacefully at St Andrew's Hospital, Bow, George Blakey, aged 82 years. Cremation has taken place.

RATHCREEDAN - On May 15th, peacefully at home, Charles Patrick, Lord Rathcreedan, aged 84, much loved husband of Ann and loving father of Christopher, Adam and Elizabeth. Funeral private. No flowers please, but if desired donations to The R.M.B.I. or The Sue Ryder Home, c/o Messrs Tomalin & Son, 48 New Street, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

RORKE - On May 15th, at home after an illness borne with exemplary courage, Joseph Rorke, aged 48, 5 Harviestoun Rd., Dollar, beloved husband of Molly and father of Philip and Martin.

ROSCOE - On May 16th, Elisabeth Margaret M.B.E., peacefully after a short illness. Funeral at Gloucester Cathedral, 2.30 pm, Friday May 25th. Flowers to Selim Smith, Cheltenham.

ROWE - On May 15th, Mary Elizabeth Talbot, aged 78, wife of the late Nigel. Funeral Chichester Crematorium Tuesday May 22nd at 12.30 pm. All enquiries to Edward White and Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester, tel: (0243) 782136.

RUSHMORE - On May 15th 1990, George Margetson, aged 76 years. Son of the late Master of St Catharine's College, Cambridge. Dearly loved husband of Joe and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service on Tuesday May 22nd at 11 am at the Church of St Gregory the Great, Park Avenue North, Northampton. Family flowers only, donations for C.A.F.O.D. c/o St Gregory's, 22 Park Avenue North, Northampton, NN3 2HS.

SLADE - On May 13th, in Nairobi, Kenya, peacefully at home after an illness borne with humour and courage, Nigel, aged 51 years. Much loved husband of Moyra. Will be sadly missed by her, his mother Menina, family, friends, pupils and fellow thespians.

SOUTHAM - On May 14th, Thomas Wallace, beloved father of Caroline and grandfather of Caterina, Margherita and Angelo, peacefully in Castelfranco, Veneto, Italy.

SPURRELL - On Saturday May 12th, Dorothy Gwynne Spurrell, widow of Professor Roworth Spurrell. Funeral Service at Poole Crematorium on Monday May 21st at 11.30 am. No flowers by request.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

WILKINSON - Philip John. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Philip, Partner of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, was held at St Andrew's Church, Holborn, on Tuesday May 15th at 11 am. The Venerable Roger Sharpley, Archdeacon of Hackney officiated and Mr Anthony Greening played the organ. An address was given by Mr M. Fountain. The lessons were read by Mr Brandon Gough and Mr Michael Coulter.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

ROBSON - James Jeavons Robson C.B.E. Sadly missed by family and friends.

THOMAS Q.C. - On May 17th 1989, Jeffrey, beloved husband of Valerie. I miss you so much, you are in my thoughts and prayers everyday.

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ON THIS DAY

MAY 17 — 1927

The Mississippi floods of 1927 drove some 700,000 people from their homes. In the 1930s channels and cut-offs were inaugurated on the lower Mississippi. Some 16 cut-offs, together with other channel shortenings, reduced the river distance from Memphis to Baton Rouge by some 170 miles. Mr Hoover, mentioned in this report, later became President of the United States.

THE MISSISSIPPI FLOODS
HUGE TIDE SWEEPING LOUISIANA
FLIGHT FROM DOOMED VALLEY

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW YORK, May 16.

Rushing with terrific speed through the broken barriers of the Bayou des Glaises, a wall of water from 10 to 20 feet high, and as wide as from Gravesend to London Bridge, is spreading ruin in Southern Louisiana.

The roar of the flood can be heard for miles. Already an area of 600 square miles is under water, and the floods, spreading fanwise as they advance, promise to drown the whole west basin of the Atchafalaya River down to the Gulf of Mexico. Fifty miles ahead of the huge tide people are abandoning their work of strengthening the local levees [embankments] and are taking to the hills. In two days at the most these very levees will be hidden 6ft. deep in a new great lake.

A hundred thousand people are hurrying out of the doomed valley to high grounds in the west. In Avoyelles parish, where they trusted too long to the Bayou des Glaises defences, 2,000 people have had to be rescued, often at great risk, from fragments of levees and housetops. At Simmesport 700 men, women, and children were taken at daybreak yesterday from a levee which, in another few hours, was completely eaten away by the ravening floods ...

"The bottom dropped out of the Tensas Basin," as one observer put it, and, as it did, it produced so great a suction that it actually reversed the current of the Old River flowing from the Atchafalaya into the Mississippi. In consequence, the Mississippi proper fell 6in. in 24 hours at Angola and 2in. as far down as Baton Rouge. But for all this new great spillway the Mississippi above Vicksburg is still carrying past Vicksburg a flood as great as that of 1922, and the waters in the Tensas Basin continue to rise. The great Tensas Basin flood yesterday was still north of Ferriday, opposite Natchez.

One might think that, barring a new break into the "Sugar Bowl" east of the Atchafalaya River the worst of the flood could now be seen, but that is not so. It will not be known for some days yet, Mr. Hoover, the Secretary of Commerce, said yesterday, what the losses are likely to be or what are the dimensions of the rescuing agents' problems. "The country must not overlook the fact that because the flood has been slow, the destruction and the necessities for its remedy are still increasing," Mr. Hoover said, and added:– "We should know the worst of this, our greatest national disaster in peacetime, during the coming week. We believe that there will be no serious loss of life. We have in this region about 35,000 people in concentration camps and otherwise being fed, which number is likely to increase to 75,000 or to 100,000 within the next ten days."

NEW ORLEANS, May 15. – Even the Louisiana convicts, unguarded, are working on the levees night and day, and in dangerous spots, to save the fertile lands from devastation. The convicts have established their own sentinel system, and at night the prisoners themselves stand on guard to prevent any "black sheep" breaking away. Only one man escaped – a negro serving a life sentence for murder, who got away one night. The next day he walked back into camp and shamefacedly asked for his shovel, and has been working like a Trojan ever since. – *Reuter.*

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YORKSHIRE ELECTRICITY GROUP plc

Take notice that Yorkshire Electricity Group plc has applied for a Private Electricity Supply Licence in the following terms:

(1) Full name of the applicant.
Yorkshire Electricity Group plc

(2) Address of the applicant or, in case of a body corporate, the registered or principal office.
Wetherby Road, Scarcroft, Leeds LS14 3HS

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(10) Details of any licences held, applied for or being applied for by the applicant in respect of the generation, transmission or supply of electricity.
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ARTS

As yet another Ibsen production opens, **Benedict Nightingale** considers the appeal of the Norwegian playwright

More than filial devotion

We do not seem able to keep that grim 19th-century seer off our late 20th-century stages. Indeed, the flow of Ibsen revivals has been threatening to break through the theatre's flood walls. *The Master Builder*, *Peer Gynt*, *When We Dead Awaken* and *Hedda Gabler* have all been revived at important addresses in recent months. And tonight, as if to celebrate what also happens to be Norwegian National Day, comes Peter Hall's production of *The Wild Duck* to the Phoenix.

Is it just a case of acknowledged classics making up for a shortage in the supply of new plays? The enthusiasm generated by John Wood's Solness at the RSC and Juliet Stevenson's Hedda at the National surely demands some less negative, less cynical explanation. Is it a collective act of respect to the father of modern realism? That is like regularly journeying by steam train to honour George Stephenson, father of rail travel.

The only reason to present any play is that, whenever and wherever it was actually written, it somehow remains contemporary. Perhaps Ibsen is more authentically up-to-the-minute than yesterday's trendy triumph.

Certainly, his prime subject is not one that obviously dates. As Ibsen sees it, we have an absolute duty to discover ourselves, become whosoever enlightened nature meant us to be, maximize our own freedom over all petty obstacles and sly encroachments. And those personal imperatives have political implications which have become very obvious in the Britain of the Eighties.

One might almost say that we have spent the decade defining liberty and discussing its rights and wrongs, its scope and boundaries. No wonder Ibsen is near the top of the theatrical agenda.

One might describe his mature *oeuvre*, from *Brand* to *When We Dead Awaken*, as a long, evolving debate about the nature of individuality itself. But that sounds too abstract, too academic. Rather, it is a series of vivid case-studies in which people are to be found groping, floundering, flailing through fogs, thickets and swamps in search of something as elusive as the Grail itself.

"I must think things out, try to find my own answer, discover what is right for me," Nora tells Torvald as she prepares to slam out of the doll's house he has uxoriously built her. She might be speaking for every character from Peer Gynt, who persistently mistakes folly and compromise for self-fulfilment and truth, to the desperate, disappointed old men of Ibsen's last work.

Ibsen's emphasis changes, deepens with time. In the prose plays he wrote after the verse *Peer Gynt* in 1867, the problem is at first a society whose totems and taboos, pieties and constraints, shackle the body, clamp the mind, and end by hobbling the soul itself. It transforms Torvald into a smug domestic tyrant, Pastor Manders in *Ghosts* into an oppressive hypocrite, and Hedda Gabler from a fine, free spirit into a destructive neurotic. It defines Stockmann, the small-town health officer whose tactlessness unsettles the status quo, as *An Enemy of the People*.

Yet Ibsen came increasingly to see that the threat is not only, or even primarily, external. The inner perils are more powerful. There is, for instance, heredity as well as environment. Oswald may resist those "old dead ideas and old dead beliefs" his mother sums

Grim? Henrik Ibsen, 1828-1906

up as "ghosts"; but he cannot do much about the syphilis his father has bequeathed him.

Nor has the arrival of penicillin demolished Ibsen's point. If we can cure VD, we have yet to overcome Aids or a dozen other illnesses. In any case, personal doom can take subtler, more insidious forms than a virus in the bloodstream. It can be a neurosis, an obsession, an overbearing conscience, as in *Rosmersholm*. It can simply be the fact of having lived too falsely too long.

That is the subject of the last plays, *The Master Builder* to *When We Dead Awaken*. Ibsen wrote them at a time when he was developing embarrassing crushes on a series of young women, and, consistently enough, they often involve ageing men's attempts to fan their emotional ashes into life. But how can one radically change the person one has inexorably made oneself?

When Master Builder Solness plunges from the all-too-symbolic tower he has rashly climbed, or sculptor Rubek is buried beneath an avalanche at the end of *When We Dead Awaken*, that is the question they leave behind.

It is dangerous, even fatal, this search for self-fulfilment. That is the lesson of *The Wild Duck*, too. Ibsen wrote this immediately after *An Enemy of the People*, in 1884, and it comes across as a corrective to that play's proselytizing libertarianism. Some people just cannot face too much reality.

Gregers Werle, that crusader for truth, does nothing but injury to Hjalmar Ekdal, the chronic self-deceiver, when he reveals that his daughter Hedwig may not be his own. As Shaw saw, this was an attack on "sham Ibsenism", on the sort of slavish disciple who would institutionalize the master's beliefs and impose them on other people regardless of circumstances. Perhaps it was also Ibsen's criticism of Ibsen.

Certainly, it demonstrates two things. First, that Ibsen did not pursue his own emotional crusade so single-mindedly that he saw no need for qualifications or *caveats*. Second, that he mistrusted all "isms", even when they involved himself.

He cannot be categorized as conservative or liberal or radical. Indeed, both in his life and in his work he made no secret of his contempt for politicians, bureaucrats, journalists and other public people, believing that "there is absolutely no reasonable necessity for the individual to be a citizen" and that "the state is the curse of the individual".

Perhaps he is best described as a mandarin anarchist. "Aristocracy of the spirit" was the allegiance he admitted; but one suspects he would have quarrelled with his fellow-nobles, as he did with so many of his friends.

Yet that surely makes Ibsen more, not less, of a stimulant today. The questions he poses about freedom, obligation and duty still resonate.

To what extent can Solness be excused for hurting others in his hunt for professional success and personal fulfilment? How far is Stockmann justified in his attacks on the dictatorship of that "mob", the majority? Where, if anywhere, do the rights of the individual end and those of society begin?

Gregers Werle is still with us, forcing his notions of enlightenment on those who do not want them. He is selling copies of *Militant* in Brent and hoping to be let back into the Labour Party.

Nor has feminism altogether abolished what Virginia Woolf called "the slow waterlogged sinking of Nora's will into Torvald's". She is biting her fingernails in suburbia.

Hedda is fretfully demanding her 081 number be changed to 071, Peer Gynt accumulating junk bonds in the City, Rosmer agonizing about the Third World in some Hampstead eyrie, all of them dreaming of fuller, freer lives elsewhere. Ibsen, in short, is alive in the 1990s.

DONALD COOPER

Claire Bloom and Espen Skjønberg in *When We Dead Awaken* at the Almeida in March this year

● The Wild Duck *opens tonight at the Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (071-867 1044) at 7pm*

DONALD COOPER

Comic domestic drama: a scene from *Absurd Person Singular*

Macabre mirth

THEATRE
Harry Eyres

Absurd Person Singular
Whitehall

THREE moments define the mood of Alan Ayckbourn's revival of his 1973 comedy of three couples in three kitchens on three Christmases. In the first, a wife locked out in the rain for her efforts to salvage a drinks party, then snubbed and left on her own by her husband when she finally re-enters, crinkles her face in the beginning of tears, and utters a whimper.

In the second, a more desperate wife tries to commit suicide by running full tilt at a kitchen knife stuck in a drawer. In the third, an older woman describes the horror she feels at the sight of her own face. At each of these moments, one in each act, we laugh, without a qualm, louder than we have done at any of the more obviously funny sitcom gags or slapstick routines hitherto.

A clue to Ayckbourn's intention is provided by the final scene. Sidney, small shopkeeper turned wheeler-dealer, the least human but most successful of the three husbands, is conducting the others in a dreadful Christmas game of forfeit dancing. Just before the curtain, he casts off his comic disguise, and, as the lighting turns sulphurous, becomes a mini-Hitler or devil, lashing them on their wretched round (orange between knees, tea cosy on head) with sadistic glee. Is he the playwright's *alter ego*?

Richard Kane's Sidney is the most comically energetic performance on view; he illustrates this repellent character's rise from subservience to dominance with a splendid range of scurrying, scuttling movements and ghastly, gargoyle-like grimaces. As his wife Jane, Lavinia Bertram expertly forfeits the limited sympathy she has earned in the first act with an increasingly braying laugh.

The two other couples, in becoming less successful, do gain in humanity. In the final act, Donald Douglas finds a depth in Ronald, the bank manager, which goes beyond his earlier lugubrious *gravitas*: the look on his face after he has said that his effect on his wife has been sedative is infinitely sad.

Moira Redmond is magnificent as his wife Marion. Outrageously snobbish in the first act, she rises to the self-dramatizing climax of the third act, when she brings an almost Lear-like combination of grandeur and absurdity to her drunken laments of lost beauty.

Only Jeff Shankley and Jennifer Wiltsie disappoint slightly as Geoff and Eva: he never captures the laddish swagger which should precede hangdog failure, and she (excellent in *Invisible Friends* at Christmas) seems too calm an actress to play a neurotic wreck. Michael Holt's design makes kitchen décor a hermeneutic art. The play is, for much of its length, achingly funny.

Not such a novel idea

Jeremy Kingston

The Writing Game
Birmingham Rep

AS AN academic, David Lodge lectured on writers, and as a novelist he writes about lecturers. Many of these tormented creatures teach at his fictional University of Rummidge, commonly identified with Birmingham, and since Lodge loves a self-referential joke it seems only proper that Rummidge, sorry, Birmingham Rep should mount his first stage play. Inevitably, he has written about writers.

Three of the cast of five are novelists; a fourth thinks she might like to be but changes her mind when she sees what overheated lives they lead; and the fifth, a pettish fellow – named Jeremy, I am sorry to say – runs a residential course for would-be novelists in leafy Dorset, which is where the characters meet.

Here the hopefuls are taught tricks of the trade, and Lodge has likewise followed useful guidelines on how to construct a play. For example, his principal characters are strongly contrasted, and he starts off the second act with a new character on stage.

But one important piece of advice he appears to ignore is the importance of avoiding repetition. His writers only stop talking about their craft when the subject leads them on to sex.

The American novelist struggling with writer's block argues that a writer reveals himself in his writing. Not so, argues the prolific Oxford novelist at the menopause, and the story (quite funny) she then reads, from the lecturer's chair that pops up in front of the stage, conveys no trace of her raunchy lifestyle. As for the obnoxious British *Wunderkind*, his ingeniously barren substitute for a novel puts him in the American's camp.

If this analysis of the structure sounds a tad arid that is what the play becomes, despite the occasional shrewd *apercu*, and though John Adams' direction could hardly be called inventive, except in the wittily chosen songs between scenes, it is difficult to see what tactics he could employ to bring the dispute to life.

Lou Hirsch's dogged dolefulness as the American has a sort of integrity. But Susan Penhaligon's feline preening is excessive. She delivers each line as if it encapsulated the sense of the scene: couplets the author forgot to put into rhyme.

Patrick Pearson's cynical smart-ass would probably look a more intriguing character on the page, where a narrative voice could blast hell out of him. The characters feel empty in its absence.

Staring into the bleak Chinese future is not very entertaining

DANCE
John Percival

Zuni Icosahedron
Bloomsbury

EDWARD Lam, one of the co-ordinators of Zuni Icosahedron's production, disclaimed the label of political theatre in an interview on this page yesterday: but whatever the intentions of its creators, that is how a London audience must inevitably view the performance of a company from Hong Kong in a work on the subject of the *Deep Structure of Chinese Culture*.

And a bleak outlook it is, as one would expect. Almost the only "colourful" elements are provided by sections of the soundtrack. At the beginning, different voices are heard repeating, unmelodiously, over and over, a children's song: "China is a lovely garden . . . Everybody's happy and gay."

That tune recurs briefly, in a bump-and-grind version for dance band, towards the end. Then, in the final moments are brought in in a soloist, choirs and orchestra for a version of "Land of Hope and Glory".

The irony needs no underlining. Elgar thunders out to an empty stage and a blank back wall. All the rest of the show consists of sad, reserved figures in a grey space, staring into the distance, almost always backwards, as if into the past. It is a striking visual metaphor, but even with handsomely composed poses and groupings, cunning variations and repetitions, contrasts of speed in changing positions, it looks overstretched at 70 minutes' duration.

The lighting provides the most dramatic moments. Switch a lamp on or off, and a figure appears or disappears startlingly behind gauzes which hang across the stage.

There are the sounds of machinery or traffic, shrill bells, high-pitched chatter, going on all the time, but only as background. These people might as well be in a place as silent as it is grey, for all the notice they take of it.

Stare, stare; nothing but stare. One scuttles crouched on hands and feet; one pushes a broom which finally stretches a strip of red across the stage. Individualists. But when one man walks on a couple of times without clothes, there seems no point to it.

It all makes a bleak evening. But then to be Chinese and living in Hong Kong might be rather bleak.

Head-to-head winner

JAZZ
Clive Davis

Claire Martin
606 Club

Sheila Jordan
Bass Clef

ONE hazard of being a creative jazz singer is having to perform before yuppies who never stop chattering and demonstrate their wide knowledge of the music by calling out for Billie Holiday tunes every five minutes.

Claire Martin had to run the gauntlet during her date at the 606 Club, a relaxing brasserie-cum-jazz club which mounts a nightly double-bill of trios and quartets. Tucked away down a flight of stairs near Chelsea Harbour, the venue also operates as an after-midnight refuge for musicians in search of that hallowed rite, the jam session.

Faced with a noisy audience, Martin could have been forgiven for going through the motions and collecting her fee at the end. Instead she faced the problem head-on with an energetic performance which won over all but the most wooden-headed listeners. At 22 years of age, she is an outstanding prospect.

Like her contemporary, Ian Shaw, she combines conscientious musicianship with a vivacious stage manner, influenced perhaps by Anita O'Day. The last time I saw her, during one of her regular spots at the Berkeley Hotel, Martin had an audience of barely a dozen people, yet managed to whip up the excitement and tension of playing before a full house.

She seems confident at all tempos, from the rapt ballad "It Never Entered My Mind" to the breakneck chord changes of "I Get a Kick out of You". Her trio – Simon Wallace (piano), Michelle Drees (drums) and Pete Townsend (bass) – added supple accompaniment. Drees, playing with Martin for the first time, was unusually aggressive – no soft-focus brushwork here – but the singer turned the violent accents to her advantage.

Some of the bluesier material lacks emotional depth at this stage. But if most of it belongs to the well-established repertoire, Martin is willing to take risks with less familiar pieces.

Betty Carter's "Tight", which calls for delicate time-keeping, comes off extraordinarily well; even her unexpected excursion into the eccentric world of Thomas Dolby can be adjudged a success.

At the Bass Clef, the veteran American singer Sheila Jordan took longer to get into her stride, indulging in some laboured scat solos. With her early and much-admired 1962 Blue Note album *Portrait Of Sheila* now back in circulation, this is an appropriate time for her to return to London. It has to be said, however, that her current style bears little resemblance to the elfin voice heard on the album.

Leading his trio, bassist Peter Ind can always be relied on to strike up an immediate rapport with her. "The Very Thought of You", introduced with a plangent bass solo, finally gave Jordan the encouragement she needed to linger over her phrases, playing with time in an effortless ebb and flow of words.

Rainbow patchwork

Michael Wright

Paper and Stone
Lyric Studio

THERE is flair, intelligence, and much to mull over in this refreshing Black Theatre Co-operative play, directed by Pam Fraser Solomon, examining the emotional conflicts of black women making the transition from adolescence to adulthood.

Brenda (Marcia Rose) is a young *ingénue*, dumpy and frumpy in her Edwardian Sunday-school best, ridiculously over-protected by a devout straitjacket of a mother (Susan Lycett), but happy enough in her safe world of church and chastity. Happy enough until Juliette (Catherine Coffey) – a lithe, streetwise orphan – turns up and whisks her into the "fast lane" of council flats, men and misery.

This basic plot-structure provides a pretext for a wide-ranging exploration of colour, sex, motherhood and more. Despite a distinct slackening in the second half, writer Zindika's achievement lies in her fluent inter-weaving of naturalistic action with related, stylized scenes. An animated patchwork quilt emerges, as prose gives way to poetry or to song, the actresses swaying and stamping accompaniment to the velvet lilt of their magical two-part chants. The combined effect is ravishing.

An earthy vitality powers the drama, reciprocal *joie de vivre* from the audience occasionally threatening to overtake the underlying seriousness. At times, the play resembles a "message" drama, summed up by the predictable, but indulgent, clenched-fist salutes of the final tableau; at others, a gentle Adrianmolean satire on problems of growing up.

Lithe: Juliette (Catherine Coffey)

The blue and yellow contours of the set (part naturalistic interior, part phallic carrot forest) make a giant *Mappa Mundi* of the stage. This rainbow play does indeed cover a lot of ground; if sometimes it seems a little over-stretched, there is constant delight in the sheer elasticity of the performers, the two younger actresses vibrating like electrons around Susan Lycett's memorable Jamaican nucleus.

Rum evening at the dinner-table

OPERA
Richard Morrison

The Black Mask
Dome, Brighton

EVEN the best-laid dinner parties can go horribly wrong. The mayor of a Silesian village has local dignitaries round for supper. He has to contend with the Plague raging outside (it is the 1660s), a servant who goes berserk and is found dead under the dining-table, and guests who row violently about religion. His wife chooses this, of all nights, to confess that she once had sex with a runaway black slave in Amsterdam, and the mayor himself feels compelled to admit that the half-witted young woman creeping about in a trance is his own bit-on-the-side.

The memorable offstage cry of "Wurgsdorf is on fire" signals that war has broken out again, and into the dining room stalks a grisly skeletal figure with a black skull, torchlit eyes and a large scythe. As Grim Reapers go, this one is quite jolly – he does some athletic pirouettes on the staircase, for example – but the mayor's guests would probably have preferred the arrival of after-dinner mints.

To cap it all, that black slave (the one who bedded the lady of the house, if you recall) appears through the french windows – amazing how easily black slaves travelled through eastern Europe in the 17th century – and prowls around menacingly, leaving a sooty handprint on the spotless white tablecloth. This is not an evening which would amuse the race-relations industry.

Although Krzysztof Penderecki's 1986 one-act opera, *The Black Mask* (based on a Gerhart Hauptmann play) has enough plot to fuel a dozen Umberto Eco mysteries, the action seems entirely without motive or logic. There are so many loose ends that the audience ends up laughing, not quaking. Some vintage ham-acting and a gloomy Gothic monstrosity of a set only add to the feeling that a Hammer horror has escaped into the world of music.

Credit is due, nevertheless, to the Brighton Festival for bringing over the Polish State Opera of Poznan for this UK premiere. After all, Penderecki is still a major European composer. In this piece, however, he has little new to say. Some ghostly "whoo-whoo" sounds and massed choral glissandos are effective, but the dense orchestral sonorities – either low and brutish, or high and overwrought – are too familiar, the organ chords at melodramatic moments too reminiscent of Boris Karloff on celluloid, and the use of a big offstage chorus to hurl out the "Dies irae" far too obvious.

On stage, the only singer given an extended solo was Ewa Werka as the errant wife, and she delivered a *Lucia*-like mad scene with great verve. The conductor, Mieczyslaw Dondajewski, generally held a complex score together competently.

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Mr Wonderful

Sammy Davis Jnr, who died yesterday, overcame physical disability and racial bigotry to become one of America's most successful entertainers. John Russell Taylor pays tribute

In the air: On the set of *Soldiers Three*, Davis's 1961 western, wearing a hat loaned by John Wayne

The label of all-round entertainer can be difficult, both to live up to and to live down. Being jacks-of-all-trades and masters of none, they rely heavily on a kind of generalized audience affection, and a public sympathy with the fact that they pay their dues and have a go.

Sammy Davis Jnr had some advantages in the struggle not to become the conventional "lovely fellow", big in show-business charities and suchlike, into which most famed showbiz all-rounders decline. He had a touch of the devil in him, enough neither to achieve nor to need that sort of following.

Indeed, there were times in his career when the devil was, for good or ill, the most prominent feature in the make-up of his public personality. He was not necessarily good at making friends and influencing people: he sometimes seemed to be deliberately refusing to do so. His second marriage, to the Swedish actress Mai Britt, raised more hackles in 1960 than it would now. His conversion to Judaism (when he was 26, after the car crash in which he lost an eye) displeased his black fans and did not seem to endear him to his Jewish fans either. His instant cross-over from being an enthusiastic supporter of Kennedy and the Democrats to an equally enthusiastic courtier of Richard Nixon did not do him much good with anyone.

All of this is largely irrelevant, of course, to his quality as a performer - but not completely. Katharine Hepburn once said that the true star has to have the quality to irritate. And this is what the devil in Sammy Davis certainly gave him. He excited strong emotions in his audiences; for some he was the man you loved to hate, who was magnetic because of, rather than in spite of, his physical ugliness.

The key to his effect, always, was energy. The viewer can see it sparking away there, in the extraordinary film record of Sammy Davis very junior, tapping his way into his audience's hearts at the age of six or thereabouts. And energy was always the most overwhelming thing about him performing live: he seemed to be the sort of person who could not live less than 25 hours a day, who had to have so many talents because it would not have occupied enough of his attention to have merely the one.

Overall, despite a number of effective performances as a straight actor, and a pleasing readiness to indulge in the knockabout, improvisatory antics, so characteristic of Frank Sinatra's "Rat Pack" on screen, it was as a musical performer that Davis really shone and will be remembered. It was a musical, *Mr Wonderful*, which first brought him stage success on Broadway (and he later encouraged his publicity men to promote the "Mr Wonderful" tag).

In fact, the quality of his films was not as high as it might have been: he was probably at his personal best in the best of them, as a splendidly insinuating Sportin' Life in Preminger's heavyweight *Porgy and Bess*, and parodying himself as the huckster preacher in Bob Fosse's *Sweet Charity*.

He could style a song as no one else could: that is to say, his style was unmistakable, and with suitable material it was unarguable. His dancing, learnt in early childhood, was his own personal extrapolation of the traditional tap routine and the sort of slippery, snaky movements natural to his ever-skinny physique.

If people did not necessarily take to him without question as a performer, at least there was no way that anyone could ignore his presence, or doubt that he was a complete original. It is only a pity that he gave so much to a live audience, and that so little of it is left on film.

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In action: A classic pose from a show for London Weekend Television, during one of his many British visits

Geoff Brown reviews the latest cinema releases: *Torrents of Spring*, *Max, mon amour*, *Leviathan*, and *The Gods Must Be Crazy II*

Classic mix of costumes, cobblestones and cosiness

A surge of magic opens **Torrents of Spring** (PG, Curzon West End) as a coach and four horses, perched on a barge, are ferried across the open waters off Venetian shores. The camera keeps its distance, savouring the shot's incongruity and mystery – a perfect opening for Jerzy Skolimowski's bewitching adaptation of the short novel by Ivan Turgenev. To be sure, the director never strays far beyond the usual conventions of the filmed literary classic. Carriages rattle along cobbled streets; nature looks its best; light filters prettily into cosy interiors where characters parade in finery fresh off the peg from nine costumiers.

Nonetheless, Skolimowski consistently keeps audiences on their toes: the quizzical tone; the darting shots and inflections, all help to prove that a lively director stands at the helm.

Timothy Hutton heads an unusually coherent international cast as Dimitri Sanin, a young Russian aristocrat doing the Grand Tour of Europe. In Mainz, he falls for the comely simplicity of an Italian pastry cook (persuasively played by Valeria Golina, late of *Rain Man*); he plans marriage, encouraged by the thought of rescuing the damsel from an odious, preening fiancée. But Sanin's vanity makes him an easy target for the seductive games of a fellow Russian, Maria (Nastassja Kinski), in auburn ringlets, every inch the *femme fatale*.

The conflicting romances unfurl against a deliciously evoked social panorama: from a country fair to a gentlemen's duel; from a polite night at the opera to a passionate tête-à-tête in a ruined castle; from the bustling Mainz *pâtisserie* to the luxurious hotel where Maria wickedly brings together the triangle's three corners.

Skolimowski's colourful set pieces are neatly balanced by a litter of small, precise moments: the totterings of Sanin's aged second at the duel ("You – may – fire!" he croaks), or the comings and goings of household cats, which ironically puncture the human drama. The end result may look slight when placed alongside earlier Skolimowski works such as *Deep End* and *Le départ*, but *Torrents of Spring* extracts all the juices from Turgenev's rueful tale of young romantic folly. The film also shows this gifted, if uneven director surviving healthily in the booby-trapped field of international co-productions.

Back in the mists of 1983, Nagisa Oshima, the Japanese director of *Empire of the Senses* and *Diary of a Shinjuku Thief*, put aside some of his art-house rigour and plunged into the English-language mainstream with Tom Conti, David Bowie and *Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence*. This P.o.W. camp drama – intelligent, haunting, accessible – seemed to set Oshima on a new road. What would follow, we all wondered.

Nastassja Kinski: *femme fatale* in *Torrents of Spring*

The curious answer, three years later, was **Max, mon amour** (18, ICA Cinema): a matter-of-fact treatment of an extraordinary *menage-à-trois*, embracing a bourgeois but broad-minded husband, an enigmatic wife, and the wife's lover – a chimpanzee called Max. The film, produced in France by Luis Buñuel's former partner Serge Silberman, generated much comment on the festival circuit, but little real enthusiasm. So far, Oshima has not made a film since: is the new road a cul-de-sac?

Four years further on, in 1990, at least *Max, mon amour* can be seen in Britain (copyright problems have kept it hidden). Anthony Higgins, elegantly bland as usual, is the bemused husband, an Embassy official in Paris with a visit from the Queen looming. Charlotte Rampling – an exquisite sphinx with impenetrable stares and tightly-pursed lips – plays the wife who bought Max from the zoo after an exchange of meaningful stares. Max himself is only occasionally a real chimp; Aisla Berk, an English acrobat and dancer in convincing ape make-up, carries the burden of the part.

Oshima observes the bizarre affair with conventional, placid camera set-ups, his tongue clamped firmly in his cheek. The dialogue, penned and conceived by another Buñuel colleague, Jean-Claude Carrire, maintains the same straight-faced mood, delighting in surrounding *amour fou* with conversational niceties. "He's very attached to Margaret," Higgins explains to his dinner guests after the doting chimp – fetched from his room following disruptive screechings – cuddles sensuously to his equally doting mistress.

The director's low-key style allows for some pleasantly cool satire of bourgeois values. Oshima also generates the odd touching moment between Rampling and her simian flame. But the film's airless elegance soon brings diminishing returns. Oshima's buttoned-down approach also shrouds interesting questions about human-animal relationships and the nature of sexual jealousy: we glimpse them under the surface banter, but they lie largely unexplored. The film is photographed by Raoul Coutard, master cameraman of the French New Wave, though the present print's tepid colours only increase the feeling of disappointment.

Carelessly submerge the film *Alien* 10,000 feet underwater, and you might get something like **Leviathan** (18, Odeon Marble Arch). Instead of a seven-strong spacecraft under attack from an alien being, an eight-strong deep-sea mining station faces the ravages of a monster fish left over from genetic experiments on a wrecked Soviet freighter. The darling creature changes shape constantly, incorporating features from its human feast: a face here, a leg there, yoked together in a mess of scales and membranes.

"My task," the director George Pan Cosmatos has said, "is to find the humanity behind the hardware." But beneath the medium-tech special effects, he only uncovers a rusty consignment of clichés: the mining company callously pursuing profits, the blue-eyed he-man hero (Peter Weller), the discredited doc (Richard Crenna), the decorative girl who strips at every opportunity (Amanda Pays). This tiresome film – largely produced in Italy by members of the DeLaurentiis clan – certainly delivers the goods; but the goods are irredeemably shop-soiled.

Once upon a time, the South African director Jamie Uys made wildlife films, cutely packaged with music and commentary: in *Beautiful People*, he made warthogs dance to Offenbach. Uys then cutely packaged African natives in *The Gods Must Be Crazy* – a clumsy comedy pitting a Kalahari Bushman against modern civilization – which found a large international audience. **The Gods Must Be Crazy II** (PG, Cannon Oxford Street) offers slightly greater technical polish, though the air of contrivance – not to mention condescension – still hangs horribly heavy. A real-life Bushman, N!Xau, repeats his role as the friendly Bushman weaving through another cross-section of Western civilization as he searches for his two missing children. From stuttering beginnings, the film builds up to a dribble of crude visual comedy, securely aimed at the unsophisticated.

VIDEO BOX
Geoff Brown

A weekly selection of films recently released on video. The year refers to the date of first release, or in the case of television films, of first broadcast.

BRITANNIA HOSPITAL (Warner, 15): Lindsay Anderson's belligerent but stimulating report on the state of the nation, perched on a knife-edge between *Carry On* farce and *Grand Guignol*. Delectable performances from Leonard Rossiter, Joan Plowright. 1982.

DAD (CIC, PG): Ted Danson as an estranged son returning to care for his ageing father (Jack Lemmon). Tear-jerker extracted from William Wharton's novel. 1989.

DR FISCHER OF GENEVA (Video Collection, PG): Largely sterile TV film of Graham Greene's novel about a Swiss industrialist. James Mason's strong, icy performance (his last in a major role) injects some tension. With Alan Bates, Greta Scacchi. 1984.

ET DIEU CREA LA FEMME (Castle, 18): Adventures of a nymphomaniac on the St Tropez beach. The film that cemented the Bardot myth: by now, rather quaint. 1956.

GHOSTBUSTERS II (RCA/-Columbia, PG): Expensive, ragged and tedious adventures of the paranormal investigators, featuring wisecracking Bill Murray, Sigourney Weaver, a baby in peril, and a devilish pink-hued slime. 1989.

LES GRANDES MANOEUVRES (Castle, PG): Grandly decorated period romance from René Clair, with Gérard Philipe oozing rakish charm as the dragoon officer. With Brigitte Bardot. 1955.

IT'S ALL HAPPENING (Warner, U): Fragrant, long-forgotten Tommy Steele vehicle from 1963. If Tommy's Cockney syrup appals, there is always Marion Ryan, Shane Fenton (alias Alvin Stardust), and the Black and White Minstrels.

LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES (Castle, 18): Roger Vadim's updated version of Choderlos de Laclos's novel of sexual manoeuvres seemed the acme of the chic French film in 1959. Not so now, but Gérard Philipe and Jeanne Moreau cut through the superficiality, and Thelonius Monk's music gives off an attractive period aroma.

LUCKY JIM (Warner, U): Ian Carmichael as the accident-prone redbrick university lecturer. Not quite Kingsley Amis's comic novel, though an amiable sample of the Boulting Brothers' farces ribbing British institutions. With Terry-Thomas, Hugh Griffith. 1957.

Case of ill-treatment

TELEVISION
Jasper Rees

TELEVISION, once quaintly regarded as a form of domestic entertainment, seems to have turned into an international court of appeal. After Tuesday night's *Ivan the Terrible*, an investigation which forcefully suggested that in John Demjanjuk the Israelis have got the wrong man, and know it, last night's *Inside Story* (BBC1) dealt similarly with the Broadwater Farm riots of 1985.

Charles Wheeler's report *Beyond Reasonable Doubt?* comes hot on the heels of hard-hitting television investigations of the Guildford Four and Birmingham Six cases. *Inside Story* arrived at much the same verdict – that the Tottenham Three, a trio of men currently serving long sentences for the murder of PC Keith Blakelock, were convicted on the strength of suspect confessions obtained by the Metropolitan Police, backed up by questionable evidence.

Other than to observe that it will not improve relations between Shepherd's Bush and Westminster, the programme's case is not under discussion here, but rather the manner in which it was presented. With the stock of the documentary-drama genre rising, thanks in great part to Granada's *Who Bombed Birmingham?*, the idea of using a court reconstruction as a narrative technique looks decidedly half-baked.

The level of acting talent available to play the characters of the courtroom does nothing to shore up the balsa-wood weakness of the form. Even so, there was some bizarre miscasting: the actor detailed to play a defendant with the reported mental age of a 10-year-old contrived to trip out his lines with implausible fluency.

That Wheeler managed to assemble such a compelling argument for the innocence of the guilty was despite, rather than because of, the indigestible story-telling method used.

Continuing the current East European theme, *Dispatches* (Channel 4) produced the most substantial report yet from Romania, which goes to the polls on Sunday despite worries about the underhand campaign tactics of the ruling National Salvation Front. Speaking for his party, Silviu Brucan added to the apprehension by suggesting that an election goes smoothly only when its organizers know they are going to win. And if they do not know?

Faithfull to depressing songs of yesteryears

ROCK
Jasper Rees

Marianne Faithfull
Dominion

PICTURE a suave lady of the night giving a recital of bitter, broken songs in the manner of a Brechtian muse, and you will have some idea of the sort of experience served up by Marianne Faithfull in her lone night at the Dominion Theatre. It was all very perplexing. Her singing voice is as ghoulish as ever, while her spoken voice still offers up a dim glimpse of the plummy, pre-detox convent girl of yesteryear.

This ambiguity shows up in her gestures too. Whenever she did not have a cigarette to hand, Faithfull would slowly, tortuously pump her left arm up and down from sternum to hip: it was deeply expressive, but expressive of what? It might have denoted anguish in some New Age sign-language, but alternatively she might just have been toying with the idea of undoing the buttons on her black satin blouse.

This she did much later, to reveal a black cocktail dress hugging a nowadays thicker figure, but before that, she croaked and crackled her way through a series of astutely selected covers. Though she performed a couple of pallid songs she recently composed with Barry Reynolds, her deft accompanist on acoustic guitar, Faithfull is supreme as an interpreter of other peoples' work: especially depressing songs by such happy-go-luckies as Tom Waits, John Lennon and Leonard Cohen.

Faithfull proceeded to material from *Broken English*, the 1979 album which established her reputation as more than just a miked-up Sixties bimbo icon, which brought out the whooping worst in a lager-lounish section of the audience, but still kept up the spell.

They ruined the angry pornography of "Why'd Ya Do It?" – a song which contains probably the crudest lyrics ever committed to vinyl – by revelling in it, though the frail romanticism of "The Ballad of Lucy Jordan" (with a new, happy ending appended) and the primeval growl of "Broken English" came through loud and clear.

They finally shut up altogether for a rendition of "She Moved Through the Fair", a haunting Irish folk melody which Faithfull sang unaccompanied. As a swan-song, it was nothing short of mesmerizing.

MARILYN KINGWILL

Ghoulish: Marianne Faithfull

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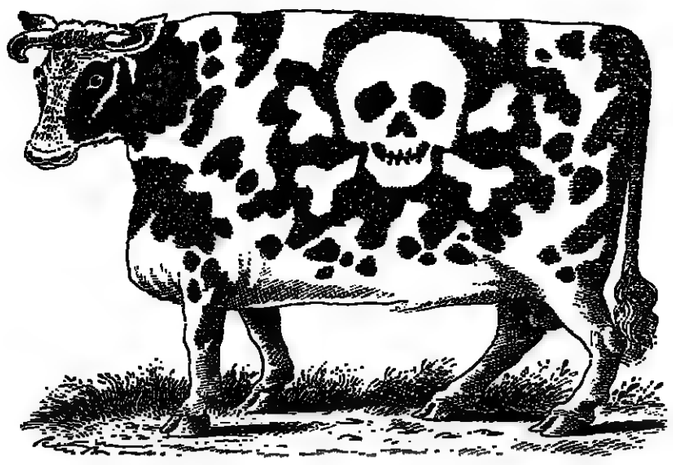
HEALTH

Has mad cow disease acquired a tragic human face?

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford



Dr Helen Grant is a neuropathologist who has been interested in the spongiform encephalopathies for more than 30 years. Despite, or perhaps because of, her specialized knowledge, she continued to enjoy roast beef – medium rather than rare – until last autumn, but now she has advised her family to stop eating it. Her decision has not been made because she fears that a slow virus – the organism, as yet unidentified, which causes bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and the other spongiform encephalopathies – might be lurking in the small peripheral nerves running through her Sunday joint. In her opinion it is unlikely that even if the slow virus was present there would be enough to matter.

The Grant family has abandoned beef because Dr Grant feels that one of the measures designed to stop the spread of BSE – commonly known as "mad cow" disease – may be encouraging it. In Dr Grant's opinion, the heads of all slaughtered cattle should be incinerated; regulations demand only that the brains should be removed, so that there is no chance that they might be used to make sausages or meat pies. But before the brain can be scooped out, leaving the rest of the meat on the head for human consumption, the skull has to be split open with a bandsaw. And, just as a logman scatters sawdust, so can the butcher, unless he is very careful, spray particles of blood, bone and possibly infected brain on the carcass.

There is little doubt that BSE is closely allied to, if not identical to, scrapie in sheep, and kuru, Creutzfeldt-Jakob's disease and Gerstmann-Strausler-Scheikner's disease in humans; they all show the same characteristics in the way they attack the brain, producing the same horrific symptoms that inevitably lead to paralysis, insanity and death.

In each of the diseases there is a long incubation period – hence the term slow virus – but the length of this incubation period depends on whether the slow virus has been transmitted by mouth or injected; in humans, for instance, Creutzfeldt-Jakob's disease has a much shorter incubation period when it follows the use of donated infected brain lining or a cornea, for graft surgery, or when it is induced in undersized children by the use of human growth hormone collected from the post-mortem room, a practice now discontinued.

All the diseases show evidence of genetic susceptibility. Suffolks and Cheviots are more vulnerable to scrapie than other breeds of sheep; in humans, Gerstmann-Strausler-Scheikner's disease is common in certain families, and Creutzfeldt-Jakob's disease is found 30 times more often in the eastern Mediterranean and north Africa than in Britain, but even in those countries where the incidence is high there are variations between different ethnic groups, and tribes within those groups. Dr Grant, while accepting that a genetic predisposition to the spongiform encephalopathies does exist, points out that there is a high incidence of the disease in those countries to which we have exported large quantities of sheeps' brains and eyeballs with the object nerve still attached; until this statistic is totally explained, it will be impossible to state categorically that scrapie is not passed on to humans.

The mechanism of the spread of scrapie in sheep is unclear, but it can be given experimentally to a wide variety of mammals, including the chimpanzee. The anti-beef lobby argues that the disease has spread, through food, from sheep to cows, deers and cats, so why not to humans, particularly given the evidence that the communities that eat sheeps' brains have a high rate of Creutzfeldt-Jakob's disease?

All doctors can say with certainty at this stage is that they do not know and that only studies of the incidence of Creutzfeldt-Jakob's disease over the next 20 to 30 years may provide the answer. Judging from scrapie, an epidemic is unlikely, but people would be wise to avoid eating the brain and spinal tissue (which is used, for example, in meat pies) from all mammals, and any meat which might have been contaminated by it.

Keyhole means a kinder cut

Children have always been proud of surgical scars; a small, neat scar, which would delight a fashionable surgeon or his patient, provides no kudos on the playground, where *what is needed is evidence of the drama* survived. But times are changing. Recently, the first operation in Britain to remove a kidney – a nephrectomy – by minimal invasive surgery, or "keyhole" surgery in popular jargon, was carried out in Portsmouth, and London is not far behind; just as soon as one team receives the blades for its endoscopic tissue disintegrator, a surgical instrument with the same role in the operating theatre as a blender has in the kitchen, it will be following Portsmouth's lead and doing nephrectomies by endoscopic surgery. A team at Guy's is already correcting several common congenital heart lesions by closed surgery, in which the instruments are introduced into the heart through the child's femoral vein rather than through an opened chest wall.

An endoscope is an illuminated telescope which allows a surgeon direct vision into the inside of the cavity in which he is working. There is no large incision, merely a puncture wound. The surgeon then passes instruments down through the scope with which he can cut, tie, clip or extract.

The advent of lasers has made this surgery even more effective. The endoscope is often fitted with a minute camera, no bigger than a fingernail, which transmits a magnified colour picture on to a screen, which surgeons can watch as they operate with the instruments introduced down one or more tubes. The picture gives a view of the patient's organs which the old-style surgeon, with his wide incision, never achieved.

Minimally invasive surgery has advantages beyond the cosmetic gain of a small scar. A tiny puncture wound reduces blood loss and saves deeper tissues from damage caused by their separation or cutting. Having undergone this style of surgery, the patient is in hospital for only a day or two, rather than a week and more, and back at work within days instead of months.

Minimally invasive surgeons started on the urinary tract, but their activities have now spread to every part of the body. Ear, nose and throat specialists use it to operate on the sinuses and the larynx, gastrointestinal surgeons to remove gall bladders and gallstones, repair hernias, take out appendices or even portions of malignant bowel. Orthopaedic surgeons would now be lost without an arthroscope, and heart surgeons do an increasing number of closed operations. Urinary surgeons will soon be doing nephrectomies (the Portsmouth operation) and gynaecologists, hysterectomies. In some centres they have already drastically reduced the number of women who need a hysterectomy by using a laser to strip the uterine lining (endometrial ablation) rather than subjecting them to the major operation.

Minimal invasive surgery will remove much of the drama of surgery. Not unnaturally, traditionalists who have loved the atmosphere of the theatre will feel some regrets, but the patient who is playing golf the week after the removal of a gall bladder is unlikely to share them.

When Professor Kurt Semm introduced endoscopic surgery into Germany, his outraged surgical colleagues petitioned to have him struck off; this year he was elected president of the German Gastroenterological Association. Surgery without a scalpel has come to stay.

New weapon to fight epilepsy

Hippocrates in 400BC was the first physician to realise that epilepsy was a disorder of brain function. But not until the 19th century was an effective treatment – bromides – introduced. Over the past 100 years, other drugs have been used with greatly improved results, but there has been little advance in the past 20 years. It is claimed that a new drug, Sabril vigabatrin, will bring hope to some patients whose attacks are at present poorly controlled.

One in 200 people have epilepsy, which is not a distinct disease but a symptom. Epilepsy is easily controlled in half of the patients and controlled with difficulty in a further 25%, but the remainder respond badly to current treatment. It is hoped that Sabril will help this group.

Seizures should be prevented, not only to avoid accidental injury, but also because each time a patient has a fit further damage is done to the brain.

Whatever the drugs prescribed, the patient's life-style is also important. A low blood-sugar can make a person more liable to have a fit, so that regular balanced meals, with the correct proportion of fats, proteins and carbohydrates, are essential; exercise on an empty stomach also lowers blood sugar. Alcohol should be taken in strict moderation. Tiredness, anxiety and infections also increase the liability to fits.

Search for a freed speech

Will a sure-fire cure be found to end the misery of Britain's 500,000 stammerers?

STAMMERING, Mike Rhodes says, is like having one foot nailed to the floor. Opinions, comments, witticisms – all wither before they become words, leaving the stammerer seething with frustration.

Stammering afflicts an estimated 500,000 people in Britain, most of whom are men – the ratio of men to women sufferers is 4:1. Sadly, most sufferers will never overcome their problem.

Mr Rhodes did. He overcame a lifelong stammer seven years ago, at the age of 45, and his life was changed.

Now Mr Rhodes, a Manchester-based advertising executive, has won seven cups for public speaking and is president of Stockport Speakers Club. At the office, he makes sales presentations to potential clients, a task which, for most of his life, was such a terrifying prospect that he would not consider it.

"It is impossible for most people to imagine just how frustrating stammering is," Mr Rhodes says. "You cannot strike up a conversation or put your point of view. You may have magical words inside, but they are locked up."

"A simple thing like the telephone is one of the stammerer's worst enemies because it is so intimidating to use. I remember having to read something to a client, who didn't know I stammered, over the phone. It took ages, and his embarrassment was almost tangible, but he couldn't ask me to stop."

The turnabout took place when Mr Rhodes went to Scotland to undergo a course devised by Andrew Bell. Mr Bell, once a chronic stammerer, claims to have taught himself a new speaking voice which ended his problem.

Once an architect, Mr Bell, aged 46, now works fulltime on his stammering cure at Kirkcaldy, in Fife. "From the age of four I had a stammer which got worse as I reached my teens," he says. "My inability to communicate often left me angry. A lot of money was spent on treatments, none of which worked. It seemed I had an affliction which nobody was able to do anything about, and it would be with me for life."

By the time Mr Bell had reached his mid-20s, he had had enough. He was determined stammering was not going to control his life and began to investigate his problem. Because stammering is a fragmented way of speaking, he reasoned that if he broke his speech down to basics and gradually rebuilt it, using techniques he has now refined over many years, then fluency would follow.

Although it took prolonged and painstaking efforts, he says that by 1967 he was triumphant. After a two-year battle, he had beaten his stammer. "I discovered that if you are speaking fluently you cannot be stammering at the same time. It is a bit like learning to drive. After a while, you are automatically doing the things necessary to keep you going."

In 1969, having examined in detail how he had taught himself to become fluent, Mr Bell quit architecture to give his first course for stammerers. He believes stammering is caused by anxiety stemming from an emotional upset when the sufferer was young. This may inhibit self-expression, and the anxiety produces an unnecessary urge to rush speech, resulting in inevitable tripping over words which develops into a stammer.

"You have to have had a stammer and then gained fluency before you have a total understanding of how to overcome stammering. Most speech therapists do not have this understanding of the problem," Mr Bell says.

He holds only four or five therapy courses a year, with about 16 people on each course. "We are cut off from the happenings of the world for a week," he says. "To call it intensive is putting it mildly. It is total immersion in new speech, and isolation is crucial to the success of the course."

He describes his cure as a "joyous journey to fluent speech, giving people confidence to talk fluently via a complex range of sound and speech exercises".

Although the course costs £400 per person, plus hotel expenses, Mr Bell takes no fee if on the final day the individual is not speaking fluently.

CONVENTIONAL treatment has a high success rate, says Louise Wright, a speech therapist specializing in stammering, who is a member of the College of Speech Therapists. "Lots of adults may remember bad or failed treatment from 20 or more years ago because therapy was then in its infancy," she says. "Now we have an approach which is much more successful."

There is no single approach to curing a stammer, but approved techniques include modifying the rate and style of speech delivery.

Although most stammerers are helped by Mr Bell's treatment, few could claim to have been cured, Mr Rhodes says. Many join a support group. "You have to work to stay fluent by practising speaking exercises regularly – every day if you can manage it," Mr Rhodes says.

"I also go to a public speaker's club, and it gives me immense satisfaction to be able to speak as well, or better, than people who have been fluent all their lives."

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Summer-time, and the living is sneezy

Hay fever takes the sunshine out of the lives of millions, Heather Kirby reports

If you do not cut the grass, the pollen will get you. But if you do, and the newly mown lawn makes you sneeze, that is because you are allergic to grass sap. You could take a holiday for the next six weeks, moving to the west coast because the prevailing westerly winds coming off the Atlantic will not be carrying the dreaded stuff. Or you could pray for rain – unless, that is, you are one of those people whose hay fever is brought on by a thunderstorm.

Unless we get a change in the weather, this could be a vintage year for hay fever sufferers: a mild, dry winter followed by an exceptionally sunny spring with plenty of wind to blow the pollen around. The first pollen count of 1990, taken on Tuesday, two weeks earlier than last year because of the warm April, was four, which is low. Last year the first day's figure, taken on June 1, was two, but it rose to a high of 200 by June 10 and remained high until June 17. This is the month when it usually reaches its peak, petering out by mid-July.

The most common symptoms, which for many sufferers have already started, are itchy, swollen eyes, a runny nose, sneezing, coughing, breathlessness and wheezing, lethargy and fatigue. And if you are suffering an allergic reaction to pollen, you may also find yourself sneezing at all sorts of other things, from strawberries to your dog.

The peak age for contracting hay fever is 20, although many children suffer. Some people become sensitive to more things as they grow older, and some older people find hay fever fades away, only to be replaced by migraine, according to Dr Jonathan Maberly, a consultant physician at the Airedale General Hospital, Keighley, West Yorkshire. "Hay fever is very variable," Dr Maberly, a specialist in chest complaints and allergies, says. "Some people get symptoms the moment they are exposed to pollen, and some can get them four to eight hours later. Some suffer for a short period and are all right in between, and other reactions can last for up to 24 hours.

"Last year, a lot of people who had never had hay fever started to get it because it was such a hot summer with very high pollen counts. They joined the 15 to 20 per cent of the population who suffer from some kind of allergy.

"It is a branch of medicine which is largely ignored in this country; we regard allergies as unimportant, with only a handful of specialists trying to treat them, whereas in America and on the Continent they take them very seriously."

Treatment for hay fever, depending on what type it is and how severe the attack is, ranges from antihistamine tablets and eye drops to nose or chest inhalers and steroids, taken either by mouth or injection. Past experience of drowsiness induced by drugs, which for many people often made the cure worse than the disease, should not deter sufferers from trying them again. Dr Robert Wilson, a specialist in respiratory disorders at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, said: "New and effective anti-histamines are being used now which don't cause sleepiness and which allow people to drive, although even with the new ones professional drivers and pilots particularly have to try them out first because some individuals may still be affected.

"If all else fails, steroids can be prescribed. Most doctors do not recommend injections which last four to six weeks, because the side-effects can include gastric and indigestion problems. They can make an ulcer bleed, keep you awake or make you put on weight."

Susceptibility to hay fever can be hereditary. If both your parents suffer from it you are twice as likely to develop it, but even if there is no history of allergies in the family it is still possible to develop an allergic reaction to wind-blown pollen, dust, food or chemical pollution, and Dr Maberly believes 10 per cent of sufferers fall into this category. "I think nutrition plays a big part in allergy, and the reason more people are becoming sensitive to pollen is that our modern diet does not have adequate amounts of minerals that help to protect us.

"I also blame the fact that many babies are not breast-fed during their first six months of life. People think because they eat vegetables, meat and fruit they are all right. But that is not true."

Dr Maberly believes that breast-feeding works against the onset of allergy, and that the early introduction of cow's milk, itself a highly allergenic food, into a baby's diet can be responsible for later problems. Chemical pollution, whether atmospheric or food based, is also widely believed to be responsible for the increase in the incidence of hay fever, which is a relatively new complaint. The first recorded case was in 1819.

Because the height of the hay fever season coincides with summer exams, it causes extra problems for schoolchildren. Dr Wilson says: "Hay fever does not have a direct mental effect, but because it causes tiredness, lethargy and impairs concentration the mental processes of hay fever sufferers are not as good as they should be.

"Exam boards tend to be sympathetic and give the benefit of the doubt in cases where the mark is marginal, but fortunately exams seem to be in early June now, before the worst of the hay fever season. In Shropshire we find admissions of children with asthma reach a peak in late June and July."

Ironically, the estimated 100,000 plane trees which were planted nearly 150 years ago in London to counteract the effects of pollution are a major cause of hay fever in the capital. Flowers and fruit-bearing trees which are pollenated by insects are less trouble but hazel, alder and chestnut trees can all contribute.

And in Derby at the moment, where they have not yet started to count grass pollen – because the further north you go the later the grass pollen starts to make itself felt – they are finding that oak spores are giving patients problems.

"We start monitoring in February," says Julie Corden, of the Midlands Asthma and Allergy Research Association. "We place a glass slide covered with a fine film of Vaseline on a spore trap, which stands on a tripod, and then count the pollen either at the end of each day or each week."

'In Britain we regard allergies as unimportant, but in the United States and on the Continent they take them very seriously'

FIGHTING BACK

- There is no effective way of avoiding hay fever altogether, but reasonable precautions, such as not going for drives in open-topped cars, not keeping doors and windows open and avoiding picnics, can be taken. Air conditioning may also help.
- Running noses, itching, sneezing and allergic rashes can be alleviated by antihistamines.
- Antihistamines block the effects of substances to which the body is sensitive. They can be bought over the counter at chemists, or prescribed by doctors.
  The important thing is to take them before symptoms set in, first thing in the morning before you are exposed to pollen.
  Antihistamines do not help asthma, which can be treated with inhaled steroids such as Becotide.
- Most doctors do not recommend anti-hay fever injections, which last four to six weeks, because of the side-effects.
- Some doctors believe that in the hay fever season you are already stocked up with histamine, so avoiding foods containing histamine can alleviate symptoms; others are unconvinced. However, it is generally agreed that if you have food allergies, such as grain, your hay fever symptoms should get better if you stop eating wheat or corn products during the season. If you are prone to food allergies it may be worth avoiding the following foods :
  Red wine; strawberries; shellfish; mackerel; sauerkraut; pepperoni; sausage; cheese; salami; tuna; eggs; wheat; cereal; nuts; alcohol; yeast products; dyes and colourings; aspirin

FICTION

New World: old story, no paradise

Isabel Raphael on the wild book judged the best novel in Spanish

With *The Dogs of Paradise* Abel Posse won the important Romúlo Gallegos Prize for the best novel written in Spanish over the previous five years, which puts him into the same league as Gabriel Garcia Márquez, Carlos Fuentes, and Mario Vargas Llosa. But comparisons made with *One Hundred Years of Solitude* are misleading. Certainly Posse writes powerful stuff; he attacks the reader with a verbal sledge-hammer, raining down torrents of images, metaphors, and deliberately startling anachronisms to give pace and impact to the thin train of narrative. For this is hardly a novel at all, even within the historical genre. It is more like a rogues' gallery of characters whose interaction creates a series of events, but who are themselves subject to a giant sweep of history that makes them pawns in a game whose outcome is already fated.

THE DOGS OF PARADISE
By Abel Posse
Translated by Margaret Sayers Peden
Hamish Hamilton, £13.99

The book treats of Columbus's discovery of the New World, although it takes Posse 238 pages actually to arrive there. He is concerned to set the scene in the Old World, sapless and dry as tinder, waiting for a spark from Paradise to ignite a conflagration that will reduce the barbarous but innocent Americas to the decadence of 15th-century Europe.

Posse divides the novel into four parts, named after the four elements. The first, "Air", introduces the chief actors, Isabella of Castile and Columbus himself, raw, uninformed adolescents already marked by destiny. Ruthlessly, Isabella exposes the impotence of the old regime, and pours her passionate urge for power into seizing first the throne of Castile, and then Ferdinand of Aragon as her husband. She is dominated by lust, political and sexual. In Genoa, Columbus is established as a misfit and a victim, secretly deformed, secretly circumcised in recognition of his Jewish ancestry, and drawn from mere existence into life when he takes to the sea and the unknown. In the background is a far distant chorus of Aztecs and Incas, taking time from their mindless hecatombs to negotiate an eastward invasion in search of yet more victims for their thirsty gods.

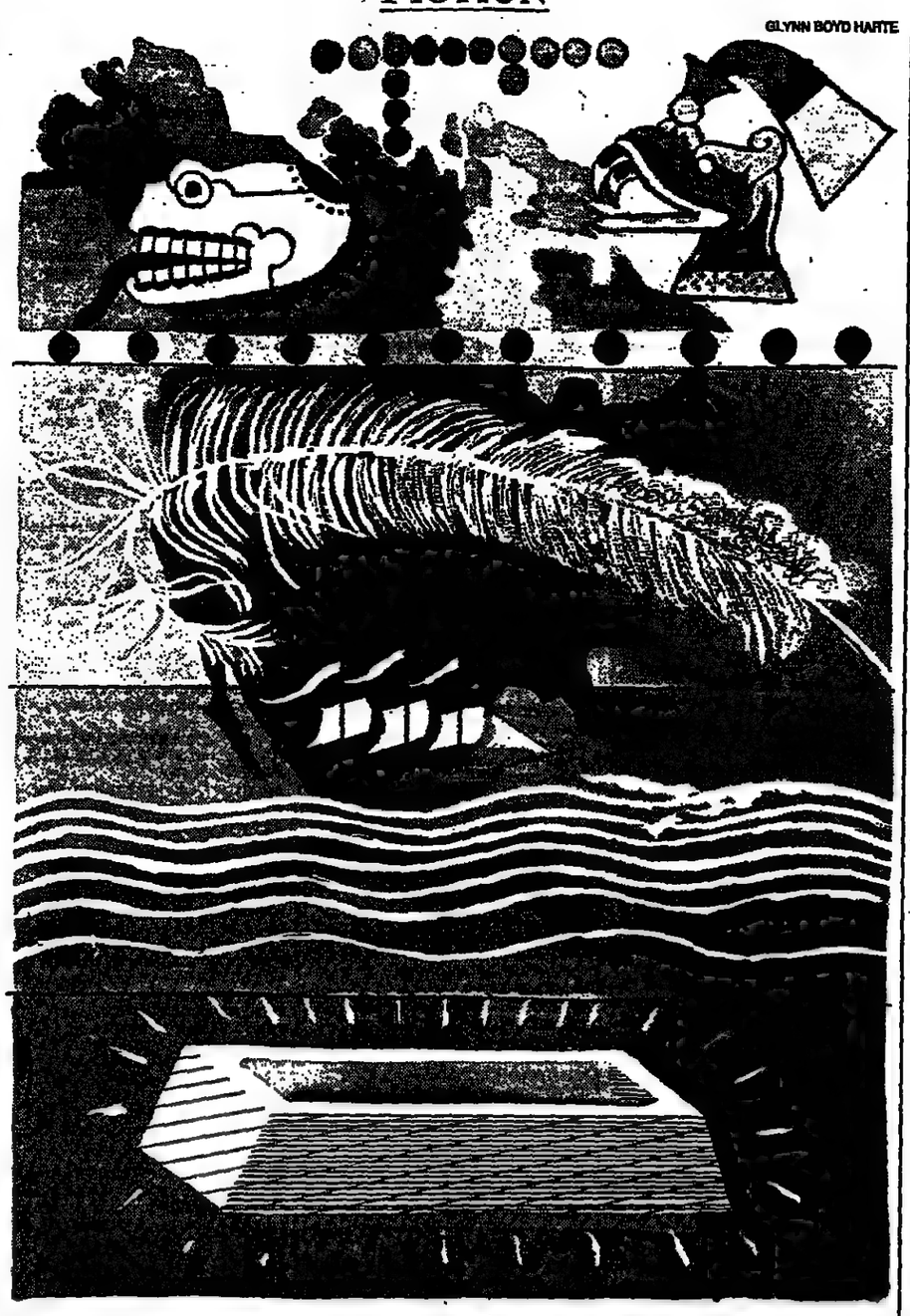
In the second part, "Fire", Isabella and Columbus emerge from a brief satiety with conventional marriage to a need for wider, individual satisfaction. This culminates in a metaphysical, mutually panorgasmic experience that confirms Columbus in his role as discoverer of Paradise.

The third part, "Water", charts the laborious embarkation and voyage, not only of Columbus and his crew but of all the trappings and paraphernalia of their so-called civilization: prejudice, bigotry, xenophobia, diseases of body and mind, all that is needed to exploit the natives who are optimistically expecting a peaceful and beneficent take-over.

The last section, "Earth", brings Columbus, symbolically naked, to the Earthly Paradise of his dreams, inhabited by angels and Eve's own anaconda, and enclosing the Tree of Life itself. But with him have sailed Catholic dogma in the person of Fray Buil, and in Mordecai and Landsknecht Nietz anticipations of Marx and Swedenborg, to colonize in their separate ways the new world at their feet. The intoxication of innocence fades from the encounters between the European predators and native "angels", and as Isabella far away is diminished by sorrow and bereavement, Ferdinand — incensed by Columbus's gift of angels' feathers instead of gold — brings the visionary conquistador home in chains. In America, as natives of all kinds, humans, beasts, and birds, retreat before the brutal imposition of an alien culture, the pattern is set for centuries of colonial dominance, silently opposed only by the souls of the departed in the form of the dogs of Paradise, powerless to halt the tide of history.

A grand scheme indeed, and in places brilliantly realized. Posse gives man no quarter for his inhumanity to man. Woman comes out even worse. The past, he tells us, is not pretty; and the future is stained and foreshadowed by our follies and mistakes. His writing is highly coloured, particularly vivid in its evocation of aches and smells, weariness and heat. No sensation is too extreme and no emotion too intense for his dramatis personae, who, from Torquemada and the Borgias to the troops of expectant Indian virgins converging on Columbus's men, are all stark mad. They inhabit a world where nothing is what it seems, and present, past, and future whirl in a maelstrom about them. Posse is obsessed with historical anachronism, contriving allusions and connections in most unlikely situations, and creating a bizarre backcloth for his cast of thousands. But style and content are continuously provoking and frequently infuriating, as torrid and ludicrous scenes of sadism and sex tumble out one after another. Possibly these, and the relentless procession of scatological passages, sound less silly in the original Spanish. *The Dogs of Paradise* is an unashamed extravaganza, over the top and out of sight; you may hate it, but you will not forget the compressed fury and contempt that burst from every page, or the overwhelming sense of a Paradise lost.

GLYNN BOYD HARTE



Ich bin ein film camera in Berlin

Andrew Sinclair

DESTINY EXPRESS
By Howard A. Rodman
André Deutsch, £11.95

THE LAST WORLD
By Christoph Ransmayr
Chatto & Windus, £12.95

BILLY BAYSWATER
By Nigel Watts
Hodder & Stoughton, £11.95

DUSK And Other Stories
By James Salter
Cape, £11.95

Destiny Express confuses the perception of film and screenplay and history. It describes the last week of the director Fritz Lang in Berlin, after Hitler has taken over as Chancellor: Goebbels sees his recent film, *The Testament of Doctor Mabuse*, and decides that he should become *the* Nazi film-maker. He flees by train.

Unfortunately, Lang is obsessed by his screenwriter and wife, Thea von Harbou, who is a supporter of the Nazis. This moral thriller questions the choices of the decadent yet persecuted artists of that time. Howard Rodman has a director's eye for every detail on the set of Berlin in 1933; but he disfigures significant scraps of evidence with lists of things such as screen credits and names. These are the faults of the word-processor, the inability to omit. *Destiny Express* is authentic in excess as well as eclectic in its genres. Lang seems to be often in one of his own films in Berlin, even viewing a scene of violence outside his window, a *tableau policier*.

Leaving from Berlin station, Bertolt Brecht is given some studied words, written as if he said them to Lang: "Are we not, all of us, unclaimed luggage in the railway stations of history?" Only the organized brilliance and ascribed epigrams of *Destiny Express* prevent readers from believing that they also were on that last train from Berlin.

The Roman Cotta's journey to the Black Sea to find the banished Ovid in **The Last World** is set in no time or place. The Balkan towns of Tomi and Trachila might as well be two of Calvino's *Invisible Cities*, lost in limbo between ancient and modern. Lilliputian dwarfs show films of Greek legends on slaughterhouse walls, with demi-gods in the audience. Jason and the Argonauts appear on a ship powered by an auxiliary engine. Ovid has written his *Metamorphoses* and has vanished or been transmuted, as his human characters were, into beasts or myths. His exile began because of an unfortunate speech before a bouquet of microphones in front of the Emperor Augustus: his disappearance is signalled by old newspaper photographs tacked on the town notice-board.

After Cotta has sailed out on the *Trivia* to check that Ovid is really dead, he cannot prove it, even with the help of the philosopher Pythagoras, who has been Ovid's servant. The land and the people all seem to derive from the *Metamorphoses*, and provide clues to the lost poet's meaning and whereabouts. Cotta feels himself to be a reptile or an insect in his quest through dream and chaos. Ovid's imagination has transformed his barren world into the creatures of his mind, and these visions will inform the future. *The Last World* is a work of hallucination and magic and rare power, spoiled only by a glossary at the back of the book, which thumps home the point that all the characters and incidents in the novel have parallels in the *Metamorphoses*, as if that were not as plain as a red herring.

Billy Bayswater is retarded. He can do some things — work on a building site or as a gardener. But he has to be told exactly where to go and what to do. Nigel Watts in **Billy Bayswater** has developed a style of limited perception. He invents a vocabulary for Billy, and never strays outside his understanding. A touching small world is created of those who befriend Billy and then abandon him. This fine and careful novel about those who live on the margins of our society is an indictment of that society without saying a word against it. Billy suffers. His lack of resentment makes us condemn our culture of indifference.

There's a fame worse than failure, Cocteau once said. He is quoted by one of James Salter's minor writers in **Dusk and Other Stories**. Salter has an unerring eye for the pretension that disguises lack of success. His artists are advertisements for themselves, known by the style of their lives rather than their unknown works. His authors know about other authors, and their sad bones are made of the literature that they cannot write. They make treacherous lovers, unable to commit. The lethal irony of these tales of expatriate scribblers is admirable in clarity But there is no passion or compassion in these understatements of the heart.

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PAPERBACKS

Frances Hill

FAMILY PLANNING
By Tim Parks
Flamingo, £3.99

Schizophrenia is not usually good for a laugh. Tim Parks's **Family Planning** is remarkable not only for making it so, but for at the same time giving a convincing account of a young schizophrenic's effect on his family, and their effect on his. The book may not often actually make you laugh while you cry, but it constantly makes you grin while you wince. The schizoid youth is Raymond, oldest of the four children of an architect father who has spent his life moving from one job to another in foreign parts, and a mother who is a sort of reserve force, a rapid deployment unit, ready to head for any situation where she might make herself useful. During the years abroad she had longed for nothing more than those emergencies that could still transform a mother into a protagonist and thrust her suddenly into life's front line. Her children, unsurprisingly, are constantly in trouble through lack of drive, will-power, and a clear sense of who they are. In Raymond's case these defects assume the proportions of dementia. In other, more sinister ways too the mother has caused Raymond's madness. Those ways emerge gradually and convincingly.

By contrast, the chief drawback of Jane Rogers's **Separate Tracks** (*Faber £4.99*) is that she spends a considerable amount of time inside the mind of a madman. Her heroine, Emma, herself the product of an unhappy marriage, works during the hiatus between school and university in a children's home, and meets Anthony Davis, known to fellow pupils at school as Orph, short for orphan. The section of the novel set in the home is brilliant. But the second half is much less successful. It is marred by two-dimensional characters and, more fundamentally, by its being narrated in part from Orph's point of view. The difficulty is that he does not have a point of view. The author has not given him one, because she cannot imagine it.

Her Living Image, Jane Rogers's second novel (*Faber, £4.99*) and winner of the Somerset Maugham Award, is far more successful. Rogers's theme is again the intractability of psychological difficulties produced through inadequate mothering, including, in this case, single-minded, over-anxious mothering. She explores with considerable subtlety the pitfalls of conventional family life, and also of less orthodox ways of conducting one's existence and rearing one's young, including those encouraged by feminism.

Pat Barker, in **The Man Who Wasn't There** (*Penguin, £4.50*) also goes in for some fancy construction work. Her hero is a 12-year-old boy living in the North just after the Second World War, more or less bringing himself up, since his well-meaning but flighty mother is so busy with a boyfriend. In compensation for his general loneliness, and more particularly for his lack of a father, he lives a fantasy life as a wartime freedom fighter as real to him as school and home. The fantasies are narrated as a parallel story, in italics. Gradually reality and fantasy interweave and come to include the supernatural. Because the boy's real life is far more interesting than his fantasies, each transition from the first to the second tends to be a book-closer.

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Private eye, SS, and dirty deeds among the Nazis

THRILLERS

Chris Petit

THE PALE KILLER
By Philip Kerr
Viking, £13.99

With his first novel, *March Violets*, Philip Kerr had the bright idea of transposing Raymond Chandler to Nazi Germany, and cleaned up with the reviewers. The second, **The Pale Killer**, again features Bernhard Gunther, Kerr's Philip Marlowe, as a private eye in the long hot summer of 1938 Berlin. Against a notable recreation of that period, with its sour whiff of moral collapse, a conspiracy takes shape. An apparently straightforward case of homosexual blackmail connects to a series of murders of blonde young Aryan girls, connects to an anti-Semitic plot, connects to the SS and its occult core. If the result has its pulpish and over-referential elements — *The Dawn of Magic* meets Fritz Lang's *M* via H. H. Kirst's *The Night of the Generals* — the overall seriousness of Kerr's pastiche recalls the achievement of Richard Hughes's novels of Germany between the wars, *The Wooden Shepherdess* and *The Fox in the Attic*. Like Hughes, Kerr makes his star turns — Heydrich, Himmler, *et al.* — eerily believable, doesn't cheat with hindsight, but lets time and place control his story. *Alpha minus.*

● Berlin in the 1990s will still be a focus of tension, says Michael Dobbs in **Wall Games** (*Collins, £12.95*). After Philip Kerr's labyrinth, Dobbs's Berlin is a disappointing tour of the Monopoly Board that starts and ends at the Wall, plus the usual display of the East-West two-step. Serviceable but skippable story makes a romantic triangle out of a Berlin politician out to stir things up, his wife, and a junior CIA agent, whose Jewishness is an issue never properly explored. Dobbs, Deputy Director of Saatchi & Saatchi, offers proof that thriller-writing need not be a full-time job. *Beta.*

● **The Scar**, by Frank Kippax (*Collins, £12.95*) recalls the golden age of British investigative reporting: leftish, hard-hitting, crusading. Choice of subject — prison riots — shows alarming prescience, and is treated to full-scale enquiry: cover-ups all down the line, and howls of rage across the great class divide. Characters conform to type — alternately conscientious and cynical journos, ditto politicians, liberal governor, horrid screws, dog-eat-dog inmates — but no less than in life. Kippax displays a firm grasp of institutions and their traps, exposes expediency and self-interest masquerading as government, and through his strongish story reveals a Britain regressing to the dark days of Dickens. *Beta double plus.*

● With US rights sold for $125,000, and an author who has studied creative writing "under Allen Ginsburg [*sic*] and William Burroughs", one wanted more from Tony Cape's **The Cambridge Theorem** (*Hamish Hamilton, £13.99*) than a padded tale, on which creative editing would not have gone amiss. A Cambridge post-grad hanging seems like routine suicide until investigation shows possible murder, thanks to that rusty can of worms, the identity of the Fifth Man: cue for donnish prevarication and Kim's Moscow cameo. With only two dons to suspect, understaffing is a problem, compounded by lack of diversion. A copper with a taste for country music and cowboy boots feels like an American concession, more believable to them perhaps, to go by the size of that cheque. *Beta (?plus).*

● **The Horse Latitudes**, by Robert Ferrigno (*Hamish Hamilton, £13.99*) reads like a calling card to Hollywood. Characters of an adult cartoon variety are strictly from the fruit-and-nuts department of southern California: crazed scientist, dumb-bell twins with overpumped bodies, sleazy pimps, lesbian wrestler, reclusive veteran turned computer wizard — all satisfactorily weird, and linked to a nasty death by flaying of an unknown male in a beach-house belonging to a female psychiatrist, since vanished. Suspect in chief is her ex-husband, an ex-drug dealer, whose biggest problem in a cynical world is still loving her: *cherchez la femme*. Author goes AWOL in a romantic quest for the story's emotional heart of darkness, and in the end shows more bark than bite. Wait for the movie. *Beta.*

● Gambling systems have long exercised the human mind, though most avoid roulette, whose odds are at best absurd. Hence its appeal to Marcel Duchamp, who perfected a system whereby one neither wins nor loses. Consistent winning became in fact feasible with the microchip, plus application of the Lapacian theory of predictability, as proved by **The Newtonian Conspiracy** (*Longman, £12.95*) by Thomas A. Bass, an engrossing true story whose presiding spirit is Blaise Pascal, to whom have been attributed the inception of the computer, the invention of roulette, and the basic laws of probability. Surprisingly, given its scientific study, the story's appeal lies in its romantic obsessions, and those in particular of the American Sixties counter-culture. Post-hippie computer freaks develop a system to beat the System, and take on Las Vegas to heroic and thrilling effect. *Beta plus* story, *alpha plus* research.

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Moving borders

DANIEL FAORO

British: Station House Opera perform "Cuckoo" (Saturday)

For its second appearance, Edge 90, "Britain's international biennial of innovative visual arts", moves from London to Newcastle – and the wonderful spaces the town has to offer this type of work. Edge 90 promotes the kind of work which has numerous floating phrases attached to it, irregularly referred to as "performance art", "installation", "time-based art", or "live art" . So what do these differing terms represent? Taken quite literally they mean what they say and draw on any artform, deploying it as necessary. The emotions they play on are numerous. What they more generally have in common is clearly expressed in the subtitle to the festival – "art and life in the Nineties". The artists involved are the philosophers of the visual arts world: the social workers, the questioners, the contemplaters, the politicians, the dissenters. They challenge us to reassess our notion of art and its relation to our lives. Richard Wilson, Edge 90's official British artist, surrealizes a room by placing a balcony bursting up through the floor and projecting out of the window. Martin Spanjaard (Dutch) presents the first viewing of "Adelbrecht" – a large white robotic ball with changing moods and personality. The festival includes installations, exhibitions and nightly performances by 25 artists from across the world. There is also a two-day conference and a videoteque. Various artists will show work at a later date in Glasgow, London and Rotterdam. For full details, phone 091 232 0862. ***Ghislaine Boddington***

OPERA

Barry Millington

LONDON

IL TROVATORE (Verdi): Static staging by Piero Faggioni, partly redeemed by strong cast, including Vaness, Steblianko, Leiferkus and Randová. Edward Downes conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), Sat, Wed, 7.30pm, £2.50-£82.

THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO (Mozart): Lively revival by Rebecca Meitlis of original production by Jonathan Miller. Gregory Yurisich and Lesley Garrett are the Court's resourceful valet and his fiancée.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight, Mon, Wed, 7pm, £3-£33.

CLARISSA: Robin Holloway's long-awaited opera to his own libretto based on Richardson's novel. Oliver Knussen conducts; David Pountney directs.
ENO (as above), tomorrow, Tues, 7.30pm, £3-£18.

COMBATTIMENTO DI TANCREDI E CLORINDA: Richard Jones's production of Monteverdi's dramatic cantata is part of the day-long series of events on the South Bank to raise money for Crusaid. Stephen Oliver's *Tables Meet* will give a new meaning to the term "culinary opera" by being performed in the Festival Hall restaurant.
South Bank Centre, SE1 (071-928 8800), Sun, midday-midnight, £10 upwards (some events free).

MERRY WIDOW/LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR: Opera 80 and their nationwide tour with a short run in the capital.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tues *(Widow)*, Wed *(Lucia)*, 7.30pm, £4-£16.

OUTSIDE LONDON

COSI FAN TUTTE (Mozart): Strongly cast new production by Jürgen Gosch, with Jane Eaglen and Thomas Randle (tonight); *Madam Butterfly* (Puccini): Janice Cairns and Arthur Davies take the leads in Nuria Espert's attractive production (Wed) Scottish Opera.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow, Hope Street (041 331 1234), 7.15pm, £5-£25.50.

LA SERVA PADRONA (Pergolesi): Attractive triple bill (two short comic operas also by Dibdin) from Opera Restor'd, all in period style.
Village Hall, Hampstead Norris (0635 49919), tonight, 7.30pm, £7.50.

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE (Rossini). Peter Savidge plays the barber whose Spanish practices enable his master (Neill Archer) to win the object of his fancy (Kate McCarney).
Welsh National Opera, New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 394844), tomorrow, 7.15pm, £7.50-£30.

L'HEURE ESPAGNOLE/GIANNI SCHICCHI: David Lloyd-Jones conducts this Ravel/Puccini double bill, with Andrew Shore outstanding in the latter (tomorrow); *Orpheus and Eurydice* (Gluck): Sally Burgess and Jane Leslie MacKenzie take the title roles, but the strongest recommendation is for Clive Timms's conducting (Sat).
Opera North, New Theatre Royal, Hull (0482 226655), 7.15pm, £4-£21.

TORNRAK: John Metcalf's new opera sets the spiritual animal culture of the Inuit against the rigid social conventions of Victorian Britain.
New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 394844), Sat, 7.15pm, £7.50-£30.

THE MAGIC FLUTE: Glyndebourne's appetite for innovation will surely be tested by the first Mozart production in this country from America's *enfant terrible*, Peter Sellars.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111), Mon, Wed, 5.25pm, £30-£75.

CAV AND PAG: (Mascagni/Leoncavallo): The opera world's most famous marriage of convenience is celebrated by Kentish Opera.
Churchill Theatre, High Street, Bromley (081 460 6677), Tues, Wed, 7.30pm, £6-£11.50.

DANCE

John Percival

SONG OF THE EARTH: Revival by the Royal Ballet of Kenneth MacMillan's Mahler ballet, with new young casts – Durante, Cassidy and Sansom (tonight, Mon); Bussell, Cope and Trevitt (tomorrow). Also Ashton's *A Month in the Country*, with Guillem and Dowell. John Lanchbery conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden London WC2 (071-240-1066), 7.30pm, £1-£32.

EVENING SONGS: Jiri Kylian's work for Prague Chamber Ballet to Dvořák's music, with three works by director Pavel Smok to music by Janácek and Schoenberg.
Gardner Centre, Brighton (0273-685861), tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, £3.50-£7.

PRETTY UGLY: Premiere by Scottish Ballet of work by Amanda Miller from the Frankfurt Ballet, with new works also by Michel Rahn and Massimo Moricone.
The Tramway, Glasgow (041 227 5511), tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, £5.

THE DREAM: Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, in Ashton's popular production, with *Paramour* and *Flowers of the Forest*.
Marlowe, Canterbury (0227 767246), tomorrow, Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, £7-£18.

PAT GRANEY: American West Coast dancer with her company, reputedly full of excitement and humour.
The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), Fri, Sat, 8pm, £6.

JEWELS: Suraya Hilal in a programme of Egyptian dances and music.
Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351), Sat, 7.30pm, £4.50-£8.

CURRULAO: Ashley Page's lively Latin American work for Rambert Dance Company, with works by Cunningham, Trisha Brown and Gary Lambert.
Theatre Royal, Brighton (0273 28488), Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, £4-£9.50.

PERFORMANCE ART

Ghislaine Boddington

ZUNI ICOSAHEDRON: *Deep Structure of Chinese Culture*. A promised challenging and topical performance from this Hong Kong company.
Bloomsbury Theatre, 15 Gordon Street, London WC1 (071-387 9629), tonight until Sat, 8pm, £6 (£4).

FORCED ENTERTAINMENT: *Some Confusions In The Law About Love*. With a cynical but clever look at the illusions of life, this Sheffield-based cooperative re-attack life in the cities in their original if not slightly cloying style.
The Green Room, 54-56 Whitworth Street, West Manchester (061 236 1677), tonight, Fri, 8pm, £4.30 (£2.80).

JACOB MARLEY AND STEPHEN TAYLOR-WOODROW: *The Second Sitting*. A disappointingly tacky evening, pretentious, sexist and clearly over-hyped.
ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (071-930 3647), tonight until Sat, 8pm, £6 (£5), please £1 day membership.

MAYFEST AT THE THIRD EYE CENTRE: An excellent week for the near to Glasgow: Victoria Worsley with *Make Me A Statue* (tonight, Fri 7.30pm). Double bill from Americans Nancy Reilly and John O'Keefe (Fri, Sat, 9.30pm), Fred McVittie "on biology" (Sun, 9.30pm), and The V-Girls (USA) with their satirical breakdowns of works of art and literature (Wed, Thurs, 9.30pm).
Third Eye Centre, 346-354 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow (041 332 0522). Tickets £5-£12.

GRAEME MILLER: *A Girl Skipping*. A kaleidoscope of physical theatre and images woven into an intricate game where the world of adult and child leach into each other.
Towngate Theatre, Basildon (0268 532 632), Sat, 7.30pm, £4 (£2.50).

JOHN O'KEEFE: *Shimmer*. As part of the ICA's season of new performers from the US, this writer/performer uses his secret childhood language "shimmer" as a means of contemporary storytelling.
ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (071-930 3647), Mon until Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat 9.30pm, £6 (£5) and £1 day membership.

INSTALLATIONS: A selection of "exhibitions" by perceptive visual artists using installation as a means of encouraging new reactions and awareness from their viewers. Fran Cottell (Greenwich), Andrew Sabin (Chisenhale), Kerry Trengove (Showroom), Bruce McLean (Arnolfini), Christian Boltanski (Whitechapel).
Greenwich Citizens Gallery, 151 Powys Street, London SE18 (081-316 2752), until May 24. Chisenhale Gallery, 64-84 Chisenhale Road, London E3 (081-981 4518), until May 27. The Showroom, 44 Bonner Road, London, E2 (081-980 6636), until June 3. Arnolfini Gallery, Narrow Quay, Bristol (0272 299191), until May 28. Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (071-377 0107), until June 3.

READINGS

Cris Cheek

JEAN BINTA BREEZE: Top flight poet whose lyrics are less successful, being too easy on stereotype and sentiment. Go and hear her though, "Riddym Ravings" is a fine work.
Beeston Library, Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottinghamshire (0602 255168), tonight, 7.30pm, £2.50 (£1.50).

JEROME ROTHENBERG: This week's most extraordinary reading from the one of the greatest anthologist of world poetries *(Shaking the Pumpkin, Technicians of the Sacred, Revolution of the Word* and his latest collection *Khurbn*, a major body of work.)
Sub-Voicive, Duke of Cumberland, Albany Street, NW1 (081-340 6224), tomorrow, 8pm, £2.50 (£1.50).

GRACE NICHOLS, DEBJANI CHATTERJEE, AMRYL JOHNSON AND SUANDY: Four strong women poets and performers constitute a celebratory and weighty line-up. Guyanan Nichols wrote the influential *The Fat Black Women's Poems*. Chatterjee has a new collection *Barbed Lines* this year.
Green Room, Whitworth Street West, Manchester (061 236 1677), Sat, 8pm, £3.80 (£2.80).

ERIC MOTTRAM. Prolific, highly influential poet and editor who has successfully helped to prize open the cloying English 20th-century poetic tradition and place contemporary British writing at the cutting edge of world developments as his recent *Peace Projects and Brief Novels* amply testifies.
Torriano Meeting House, 99 Torriano Avenue, London NW5 (071-267 2751), Sun, 7.30pm, free.

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ARTS: Bohumil Hrabel and Jiri Kolar: Author of *Closely Observed Trains* and the brilliant text collage artist currently exhibiting in the ICA Galleries, talk to Julian Barnes (novelist) and Pavel Buchler (artist and curator) in the East European forum series (tonight). Roy Heath and Lisa St Aubin De Terain: Two authors, both working with autobiographical material, talk with Edward Blishen, who describes Heath as "simply one of the most astonishingly good novelists of our time" (Tues). Eric Hobsbawm: Discusses his latest work under the title *Echoes of the Marseillaise and Nationalism Since 1780* with Neal Ascherson (Wed).
ICA, The Mall, London, SW1 (071-930 3647), tonight, 7.30pm, £3. Tues, Wed, 1pm, £2; plus £1 membership.

IAN McEWAN: Love him or not, he stirs people up and comes to this event with an uncompromising novel *The Innocent*, which is currently at the top of the best sellers, in conversation with Marion Glastonbury.
Watershed Media Centre, 1 Canon's Road, Bristol (0272 276444), Mon 7.30pm, £3 (£2).

NINA CASSIAN: *Life Sentence: Selected Poems* published earlier this year from this previously exiled and now celebrated prominent Romanian poet and composer.
Voice Box, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Tues, 7.30pm, £2.50 (£1.50).

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3	Lies of Silence, Brian Moore	Bloomsbury	£12.99
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5	A Sensible Life, Mary Wesley	Bantam	£12.95

NON-FICTION

1	Michelin 1990: France	Michelin	£10.50
2	Michelin 1990: Britain	Michelin	£ 8.75
3	My Traitor's Heart, Rian Malan	Bodley Head	£14.95
4	Winston and Clementine, Richard Hough	Bantam	£14.95
5	Tom Driberg: Indiscretions, Francis Wheen	Chatto	£18.00

PAPERBACKS

1	The Russia House, John Le Carré	Coronet	£ 4.50
2	Devices and Desires, P.D. James	Faber	£ 6.99
3	The Negotiator, Frederick Forsyth	Corgi	£ 4.99
4	Ruling Passions, Susan Crosland	Futura	£ 3.99
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8	The Bridesmaid, Ruth Rendell	Arrow	£ 3.50
9	Second Fiddle, Mary Wesley	Black Swan	£ 3.99
10	The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan	Minerva	£ 3.99

Source: Hatchards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

JOHNNY HANDSOME (15): Grating, unsympathetic action fodder from director Walter Hill, with Mickey Rourke as a disfigured criminal who plans a double-cross following plastic surgery. With Ellen Barkin.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

LEVIATHAN (18): Derivative, cliché-logged underwater thriller about scientists on the ocean floor, under attack from genetic transformation. Peter Weller, Richard Crenna.
Odeons: Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Marble Arch (071-723 2011)

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET 5: THE DREAM CHILD (18): Robert Englund's vengeful monster tediously preys on yet more children. Gruesomely polished special effects, but the plot is a thing of shreds and patches.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310)

POWWOW HIGHWAY (15): Hugely diverting and sympathetic US independent film about two American Indians on a cross-country journey. A sprightly first feature for director Jonathan Wacks, with A Martinez, Gary Farmer.
Electric (071-792 2020).

PRETTY WOMAN (15): Shamelessly old-fashioned romantic comedy, given some modest charm and sparkle by Julia Roberts as a gawky prostitute who softens the crust of ruthless businessman Richard Gere. Director: Garry Marshall.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

SHE-DEVIL (15): Roseanne Barr as the jilted frump who takes revenge when her husband takes up with Meryl Streep. Overly strident adaptation of Fay Weldon's *Life and Loves of a She-Devil* from director Susan Seidelman.
Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111)

CURRENT

♦ BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY (18): Dynamic anti-Vietnam epic from Oliver Stone, with Tom Cruise excellent as paraplegic Ron Kovic.
Plaza (071-497 9999)

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Giuseppe Tornatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian cinema: a hugely appealing salute to the movies.
Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8865) West End (071-439 4805).

COLD FEET (15): Wayward comedy-drama about three petty criminals in Montana, co-written by novelist Tom McGuane with Tom Waits, Keith Carradine, Sally Kirkland. Directed by odd-ball talent Robert Dornhelm.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

♦DRIVING MISS DAISY (U): Sweet, engaging film of Alfred Uhry's play about a retired Southern lady (Jessica Tandy) and her black chauffeur (Morgan Freeman). Directed by Bruce Beresford.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Minema (071-235 4225) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Warner (071-439 0791)

ENEMIES, A LOVE STORY (15): Isaac Bashevis Singer's novel about a Holocaust survivor's complicated love life, artfully filmed by Paul Mazursky. Ron Silver, Anjelica Huston.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

♦ THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS (15): Highly diverting fireworks between a blonde singer (Michelle Pfeiffer) and two cocktail pianists (Jeff and Beau Bridges).
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

♦ THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER (PG): Sean Connery as a Soviet submarine commander trying to defect. Ponderous pre-*glasnost* drama.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

INTERNAL AFFAIRS (18): Richard Gere and Andy Garcia as Los Angeles cops sucked into a vortex of insecurity and corruption. Tired thriller, given some kick by British director Mike Figgis.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ THE KRAYS (18): Brooding, bloody drama about the rise and fall of the East End gangsters, from war-time childhood to incarceration in separate prisons. Peter Medak directs an imaginatively chosen cast: Gary and Martin Kemp, Billie Whitelaw.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) West End (071-930 5252/7615) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ LOOK WHO'S TALKING (12): Infantile comedy about an unmarried mum and her talking baby. John Travolta, Kirstie Alley and Bruce Willis's voice.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ McCABE AND MRS MILLER (18): Revival of Robert Altman's moody Western of a gambler (Warren Beatty) establishing a bordello in a mining town. With Julie Christie.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

MONSIEUR HIRE (15): Intense, stylish version of Simenon novel about a bachelor's dark obsession with his neighbour; a striking achievement by director Patrice Leconte, previously known for comedies. With Michel Blanc and Sandrine Bonnaire
Lumiere (071-836 0691)

♦ NEXT OF KIN (15): A Kentucky clan fights the Mafia. Potboiling Patrick Swayze vehicle, partly saved by John Irvin's direction; with Liam Neeson, Adam Baldwin.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Warner (071-439 0791).

NUNS ON THE RUN (12): Eric Idle and Robbie Coltrane sheltering as nuns in Janet Suzman's convent school. Fast and furious drag comedy, aimed at fanciers of the strenuously zany, from writer-director Jonathan Lynn.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

♦ ROGER AND ME (15): Michael Moore's iconoclastic documentary about the effect of car factory closures on the director's home town.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

SANTA SANGRE (18): Alejandro Jodorowsky's extraordinary, disturbing, blood-soaked fantasy set in a travelling circus.
Metro (071-437 0757) Gate (071-727 4043).

♦ SEA OF LOVE (18): Superior thriller, crackling with electricity, Al Pacino stars as a New York cop who becomes emotionally involved with a murder suspect (Ellen Barkin). Directed by Harold Becker.
Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

SEE YOU IN THE MORNING (12): Disappointingly heavy-footed romantic comedy from writer-director Alan J. Pakula, with Jeff Bridges as a psychiatrist torn between two marriages. Alice Krige, Farrah Fawcett.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Warner (071-439 0791)

♦ SHOCKER (18): Wearisome slasher film, with Mitch Pileggi as the malevolent spirit of an executed mass killer.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

A SHORT FILM ABOUT LOVE (18): Krzysztof Kieslowski's powerful and eerie tale of voyeurism and sexual failure. Second in the series based on the Ten Commandments.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

SOCIETY (18): Obnoxious, zombie-filled horror yarn from Brian Yuzna, producer of *From Beyond*.
Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

SWEETIE (15): Prickly Australian portrait of an unstable teenager wreaking havoc on the suburban life of her smoking violet sister. A fine feature début by director Jane Campion
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Metro (071-437 0757).

♦ TROP BELLE POUR TOI (18): Gérard Depardieu dithers between his wife and mistress. Skilful satire on marital mores from Bertrand Blier.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ UNCLE BUCK (12): Flimsy comedy with John Candy as a ne'er-do-well taking care of his brother's children.
Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ THE WAR OF THE ROSES (15): A perfect marriage self-destructs violently. Exhausting black comedy, with Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner.
Cannons: Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

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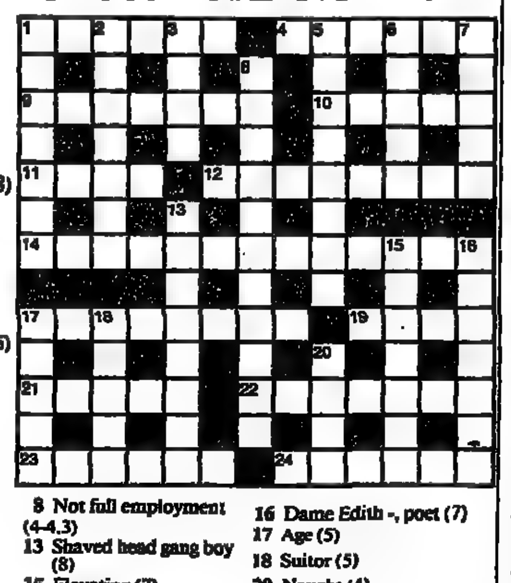

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4 Curd food (6)
9 Sexy art (7)
10 Deep blue (5)
11 Holly tree (4)
12 Bound (8)
14 Billy Bunter creator (5,8)
17 Gifted (8)
19 Closed hand (4)
21 Film (5)
22 Erstwhile (3,4)
23 Long step (6)
24 Genghis Khan people (6)

DOWN
1 Western lawman (7)
2 Poor sanitation disease (7)
3 Wood pin (4)
5 Migraine (8)
6 Fit out (5)
7 Correct (5)
8 Not full employment (4-4,3)
13 Shaved head gang boy (8)
15 Elevating (7)
16 Dame Edith -, poet (7)
17 Age (5)
18 Suitor (5)
20 Naught (4)

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

MYRINGA
(b) The ear drum, from the Late Latin *miringa*, from the Greek *meninx* a membrane: "The patient then came down to Brighton, with a view to having myringotomy performed."

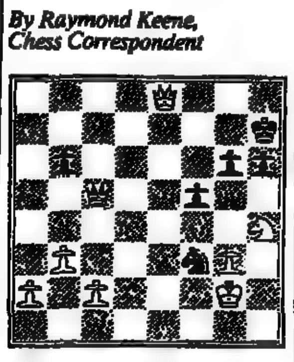
GHAZI
(b) A veteran Muslim warrior, a slayer of infidels, a high Turkish title, from the Arabic *ghazi* fighting: "They entertain such hatred for the infidel Sikhs, that they often declare themselves ghazi, and devote their lives to their extinction."

AUSTRINGER
(a) A keeper of goshawks, from the Old French *ostruchier*: "Shakespeare *All's Well* stage direction: "Enter a gentle austringer."

BOGUSWARE
(c) Computer software intended to damage; the general term for a whole range of usually malicious programs that have started to plague the computer world: "Bogusware, a translatlantic peril which is threatening to hit Britain."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is from the game Wolff (White) – Hodgson (Black), WFW/City Of London Corporation International 1990. What is Black's most direct route to victory? Solution in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: 1 Rxg7! Kxg7 2 Bxf6+ Kxf6 3 Qxd5 leaves White with an overwhelming material advantage.

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer 8.55 Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Viewers comment on yesterday's television programmes. To contribute ring 061 814 0424
9.20 *Gloria Live. Gloria Hunniford and her guests discuss matters of topical interest*
10.00 News and weather followed by Matchpoint (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, introduced by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays (r) 10.50 Barney (r)
10.55 Five to Eleven. *Looking forward to next week's series One World, John Craven investigates the destruction of the rainforests*
11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Follow-up to viewers' comments, with Eamonn Holmes and Jane Irving.
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. *The places that inspired Thomas Hardy are the subject of Sir Michael Hordern's continuing search 12.55 Regional news and weather*
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Matchpoint. *Angela Rippon hosts another round of the quiz game*
2.15 Film: The Spanish Main (1945). A colourful, swashbuckling tale of piracy, starring Maureen O'Hara, Paul Henreid and Walter Slezak. Directed by Frank Borzage
3.50 Rupert 3.55 Mersey Tales. Bryan Murray with Beryl Lomas's *Sammy at the Supermarket* (r) 4.00 The New Yogi Bear Show 4.10 The All New Popeye Show 4.30 Tricky Business. *Magicians in performance as they bring their custom to the magic shop*
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter includes a preview of the Gateshead Garden Festival. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: 5.35 Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 *Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Chris Lowe. Weather*
6.30 *Regional News Magazines*
6.50 EastEnders. (Ceefax)
7.20 FA Cup Final Replay. Manchester United and Crystal Palace return to Wembley Stadium to continue their gruelling, inconclusive encounter of last Saturday. NB: If extra time is required the programme times following are approximate
9.00 News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather
10.00 Clive James — Postcard from Miami.
● *The portly Australian's overseas safaris have tended to settle into a predictable formula but his plays on words are as brilliant as ever and there is still enjoyment to be had from new variations on the old gags. The running joke this time, given that he is in Miami, is where's the vice? The place looks too clean and respectable to be hiding the drug barons and other villains encountered in television fiction. So it is to the fiction that James goes first, gatecrashing the set of Miami Vice and wondering how he can turn himself into Don Johnson. Johnson is on hand to tell him, the cue for James to hire a Ferrari, take gun practice and make a prat of himself on water skis. Unable to resist celebrities, he calls on Gloria Estevan, who takes no notice of his obsequious flattery and gives what on a Clive James show is the nearest thing to a straight interview. (Ceefax)*

Clive James: On safari in Florida (10.00pm)

10.50 Question Time. Peter Sissons chairs the debate at the Oxford Union with panellists Paul Foot, *Daily Mirror columnist; Dr Sheila Lawlor, Deputy Director of Studies, Centre for Policy Studies;* Jack Straw MP; and the Home Secretary David Waddington
11.50 Cagney and Lacey. Slick American police series starring Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly. *A straightforward investigation at a railway yard becomes a nightmare when the two cops are confronted by a psychopathic gunman* (r). Northern Ireland: Football — Northern Ireland v Uruguay
12.40am Weather

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain presented by Beatrice Hollyer and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Maya Even. With news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After Nine includes Claire Rayner's problem postbag
9.25 Cross Wits. The quiz game for crossword enthusiasts, hosted by Tom O'Connor 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Anne Diamond chairs the daily discussion programme
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes items on family health and consumer protection. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather
12.10 The Riddlers (r) 12.30 Home and Away. Australian soap
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather 1.20 Thames News and weather
1.30 Somebody's Children: The Circle Game. *A look at adopting from abroad through the experiences of those who have chosen to find children in Third World countries. Last in the series* 2.00 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama
2.30 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond takes a look behind the scenes of independent television
3.00 *Connections. Word association game* 3.25 Thames News and weather 3.30 Sons and Daughters
4.00 Huxley Pig (r) 4.15 The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (r) 4.40 Enid Blyton's The Castle of Adventure
5.10 Blockbusters
5.40 News with John Suchet. Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with details of the National Foster Care Association
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 Emmerdale. (Oracle)
7.30 Sporting Triangles. John Regis joins Andy Gray, Rory Underwood partners *Jimmy Greaves and Emlyn Hughes is teamed with Peter Scudamore in another edition of the sporting quiz. The questionmaster is Andy Craig*
8.00 The Bill: The Night Watch. When a woman accuses her ex-boyfriend of rape, WPC Martella is anxious to see justice done. (Oracle)
8.30 This Week: For the Sake of the Children. *An investigation into the growing number of families now openly rebelling against multi-cultural education in Britain. A Wakefield couple removed their daughter from her school complaining that she was learning about Moslem religious festivals but not the Lord's Prayer; parents in Manchester took their local education authority to court when they discovered their children could count to 10 in Punjabi but not in English; while in Middlesbrough a Moslem father took his sons away from a mainly white school because they were the only Moslems there. Will this parents' right to choose lead to a large scale withdrawal from racially mixed schools and create a new generation of ghetto schools?*
9.00 L.A. Law. *Glossy legal drama from California. Kuzak represents a black professor accused of murdering his white female assistant, and Becker becomes involved in a messy divorce dispute.* (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Julia Somerville. Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.35 The City Programme.
11.05 01. Includes Joanna Lumley *talking about her role in Harold Pinter's new play Vanilla and music from Brand New Heavies. Followed by Crimestoppers*
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian drama series with heavy plot lines in lightweight scenery
12.30am Contacts. Josephine Buchanan and Trevor Ward with the television version of the small ads for anyone desperately seeking someone else
1.00 Speed Chess. The first semi-final of the Infolink European championship. Followed by News headlines
1.30 Film: Police War (1979) starring Claude Brasseur and Marlene Jobert. *Brutal drama about corruption and violence in a French police force. Directed by Robin Davis. Followed by News headlines*
3.30 Bedrock. *Hawkwind in concert*
4.30 America's Top Ten (r)
5.00 ITN Morning News with Gillian Carter. Ends at 6.00

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Social Sciences — Sociobiology. Ends at 7.10
8.00 News 8.15 Westminster
9.00 Daytime on Two begins with a programme on protecting the environment and includes at 10.00 The history of Lincoln Cathedral 10.40 *Designers who create fashions for children and teenagers 11.00 The life of a farm boy a century ago* 12.03 Working in travel and tourism and, at 1.40, *Music Time*
2.00 News and weatherfollowed by Watch (r) 2.15 History Man. *In Victorian England, the town of Braintree in Essex had its own special solution to the problems of drunks on the streets (r)* 2.20 The Kingdom of Fun. The story of Tyneside's Metro Centre (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster *Live*. Including Prime Minister's Question Time 3.50 News, *regional news and weather*
4.00 River Journeys Germaine Greer takes a vintage paddle-boat and steams up the Rio Sao Francisco in Brazil (r). (Ceefax) 5.00 Snap! (r). (Ceefax)
5.10 Horizon: Legacy of a Volcano. (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Film: Stagecoach (1939, b/w). One *of the great American films — a classic* John Ford western, starring John Wayne. On the run from the law, he joins a stagecoach carrying a colourful assortment of passengers, including Claire Trevor and Thomas Mitchell, *through treacherous Indian country. (Ceefax)*
7.35 Business Matters: Picking Up the Pieces. Fiona Foster reports on how owners of small businesses which have failed are able to recover and begin to reconstruct their shattered lives. Wales: Gardening Together
8.00 Yes, Minister. *Brilliant political comedy by Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn (r). (Ceefax)*
8.30 On the Line. Sue Mott and Ray Stubbs with a new series of investigations into the world of sport. Tonight's topics include contracts between television and football.
9.00 KYTV. *The environment is the focus of fun for this week's edition of the way-out comedy series poking fun at satellite television*

Amazonian Indians under threat (9.30pm)

9.30 Under the Sun.
● The anthropological series returns with the trilogy of films about Brazil, starting with tonight's study of the Mehinaku Indians of Amazonia. If last *year's Under the Sun sometimes strayed from the definition of* anthropology as commonly understood, here we are back in the mainstream. The film falls into two parts. The first explores a peaceful culture which not only gives social cohesion within the Mehinaku but governs its relations with the other *tribes living along the banks of the River Xingu. Among their elaborate rituals,* of which the most spectacular is a mock battle in full war paint, the only concession to the 20th century is the bicycle. But the second part of the film shows the traditional culture of the *Mehinaku under threat, from the* white man who may take their land and, more insidiously, the game of football which has caught on rapidly since the 1970s and is threatening to replace the old tribal customs. (Ceefax)
10.20 10x10.
● A new series of short pieces by *first time directors differs from the* previous two in that outdoor filming has been replaced by studio-shot video and the makers have all been recruited from the backroom staff of the BBC. If previous form is anything to go by, we may soon be recognizing their *names on the credits of shows such as Film 90, Nature and Brookside.* Tonight's offering, *Look to the Moon*, was made by a film editor from Scotland, Bill Kirkwood, and is a dance-drama set in a Glasgow pub at closing time. Left in an otherwise deserted bar, a *drunk finds his mind veering between reality and fantasy and feeding an* obsession with the moon. Ten minutes is not much time to play with, but Kirkwood fills it inventively
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine 11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: Weekend Outlook 12.05am Health and Disease — Life before birth. Ends at 12.35

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Film of the *world's choicest scenery set to a wide range of instrumental music*
6.30 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme. *Business of the moment from both Houses of Parliament, presented by* Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service introduced by Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series
2.00 A Full Life. *Jonathan Miller reflects on his many different careers in* conversation with Jill Cochrane (r)
2.30 Channel Four Racing from York. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Champagne Lanson Ladies *International Challenge (2.35); the Norwest Holst Trophy (3.10); the* Kosset Yorkshire Cup (3.40); and the Duke of York Stakes (4.10). The race commentator is Graham Goode
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. William G. Stewart presides over the fast moving general knowledge quiz
5.00 *Garibaldi the General. Episode four of the eight-part romanticized account of* the 19th-century general who conquered Sicily and Naples for the emerging kingdom of Italy. With Franco Nero in the title role
6.00 Things to Come. Malcolm Bennett and Penny Southgate look into the *future in the whacky science programme with a refreshing lack of the* pompous
6.30 Kate & Allie. Allie's ex-husband splits up with his girlfriend. Allie comes to the rescue with food, *understanding, and maybe a little more. Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin* as the co-habiting single parents living in New York City (r)
7.00 Channel Four News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi
7.50 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 Greek Fire. *What is real? Plato's eternal question is considered through Javanese puppets, optical illusions* and Gary Hailes, who played Barry in *EastEnders*
8.30 My Two Dads: Soho's by You. New American comedy, about two old college *chums who are left a 12-year-old girl in a will by a shared old flame. Either man could be her father. Thus begin* the trials and tribulations of a kick-started parenthood for the pair. Staci Keanan, Paul Reiser and Greg Evigan play the unlikely trio, who begin by *moving in to their new apartment. A hit in the United States, although its* theme of more 30-plus problems in a buddy setting may prove a little too sickly for British tastes
9.00 Film on Four: Shooting Stars (1990)
● *A collaboration between director Chris Bernard (his first film since Letter From Brezhnev) and writer Barry Hines (of Kes), this is a curious tale of a* black football star being kidnapped by three youngsters who have been far less successful in life and resent his Porsche, his sharp suits and his huge pay cheques. The film demands a *modicum of audience sympathy for the kidnappers, because if there is none it is difficult to sustain a moral centre. But Shooting Stars seems to be* shooting at the wrong target. The footballer's wealth is due to an accident of talent. Is he to be coshed *over the head and held prisoner just because other young men of similar* upbringing are struggling on the dole? If there are villains they are the people who manipulate footballers, represented by the club chairman who is selling our man to a German club to ease his own money troubles. The Germans also come out of it badly, prepared to meet any demand to ensure the safety of their multi-million pound investment. The budding John Barnes is played, with considerable dignity in the circumstances, by Gary McDonald. (Oracle)

Football crosses: kidnap at gunpoint (9.00pm)

10.40 La Loca. Award winning poet *Pamela Karol, known as La Loca, or the crazy woman, gives a recital of her work La Mayan, an autobiographical* account of her rebellious youth in Los Angeles
11.40 Film: *To Our Loves (1983) starring Sandrine Bonnaire. An award-winning* study of adolescence and family relationships about a teenager whose growing promiscuity estranges her from her brother and mother. With Evelyne Ker and Dominique *Besnehard. Directed by Maurice Pialat.* In French with English subtitles. Ends at 1.30am

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW
5.00am Jakki Brambles 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 *Steve Wright in the Afternoon* 5.30 News '90 6.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Top of the Pops (with BBC1) 7.30 Philip Schofield *8.30 John Peel* 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo
4.00am Steve Madden 5.30 David Allan 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Paton Caldwell 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.05 Gloria Hunniford 4.05 Eartha Kitt 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The News Huddlines 7.30 Wally Whyton 8.00 Paul Jones 9.40 Heroes: Roger Whittaker talks about his favourite artists 10.00 Ken Bruce 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.30 The Spinners and Friends 1.00-4.00 Nightride
MW as above except 6.45-7.00pm Sport and Classified Results

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST
5.00am World News 5.09 24 Hours; News Summary 5.30 Londres Matin 5.59 Weather 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Goldmine in the Dustbin 6.40 Farming World 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News 7.30 Media Watch 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Good Books 8.30 John Peel 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News; *Sports Roundup* 9.45 Society Today 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Assignment 10.30 Midi Magazine 10.59 Travel News 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 Book Choice 11.30 The Sittaford Mystery 12.00 Newsreel 12.15pm Multitrack 2 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours, News Summary and Financial News 1.30 Network UK 2.00 World News, Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf: The Leopard 2.45 Mediawatch 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 BBC English 3.30 Heute Aktuell 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Londres Soir 5.14 News Headlines in English 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 German Features 6.54 Nachrichten 7.00 Sports World 7.15 World News; Financial News 7.25 Sports World 8.30 Mandarin 9.00 News Summary *9.01 Sports Roundup* 9.15 Seven Seas 9.45 Mediawatch 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 Commentary 11.10 Financial News 11.15 Music Review 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Tchaikovsky 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 Jazz Scene UK 1.45 Global Concerns 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Newsreel 2.30 The Sittaford Mystery 2.59 Weather 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.45 *Nachrichten und Presseschau* 4.00 Morgenmagazin 4.35 News in German 4.45 Headlines in English and French 4.47 Press Review 4.52 Financial News 4.56 Weather and Travel News

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather and News Headlines
7.00am Morning Concert: Suppé (Overture, Poet and Peasant: Montreal SO under Dutoit); *Mozart (Oboe Quartet in F, K370: Gabrieli String Quartet,* Douglas Boyd, oboe)
7.30 News
7.35 *Morning Concert (cont):* Berlioz (Reverie and Caprice, Op 8: Paris Orch under Barenboim, Itzhak Perlman, violin); *Fauré: Orch Rutter* (Cantique de Jean Racine, Op 11: City of London Sinfonia under John Rutter, Cambridge *Singers); Reinecke* (Introduction and Allegro Appassionato: Hans Rudolf Stalder, clarinet, Jörg von *Vintschger, piano); Elgar* (Enigma Variations: Hallé under Barbirolli)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Mendelssohn. Trumpet Overture, Op 101 (London Symphony Orchestra under *Abbado); Concerto for two* pianos in A (RIAS Sinfonietta Berlin under Uros Lajovic, Anthony and Joseph Paratore, *pianos); Concert Piece, Op* 113 (London Symphony Orchestra under Alun Francis, Thea King, clarinet, Georgina *Dobrée, bassett-horn)*
9.35 BBC Concert Orchestra under Charles Groves performs Glinka (Capriccio brillant); German (Summer, Autumn, The Seasons); Svendsen (Carnival in Paris) (r)
10.20 From an *Invalid's Workshop.* Members of Vienna PO under André Previn perform Strauss (Sonatina in F for 16 wind instruments)
10.55 Cardiff Polyphonic Choir under Richard Elfyn Jones performs Brahms (Liebeslieder Walzer, *Op 52)*
11.25 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Alexander Rahbari, with Howard Shelley, piano, performs Debussy (Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 21 in C, K467); *Debussy (La Mer); Ravel (La* Valse)
1.00pm News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert. *Live from St George's,* Brandon Hill. Rivka Golani, viola and Clifford Benson, piano, perform A. *Rubinstein (Sonata in F minor, Op 49);* Brahms (Sonata in E flat, Op 120, No 2)
2.00 Alessandro Scarlatti: Una villa di Tuscolo: performed by *London Baroque under* Charles Medlam with Nancy Argenta and Judith Nelson, sopranos, and Margaret Cable, mezzo. (r)
4.45 Karg-Elert. Graham Barber plays some little-known miniatures and a mature sonata on the art-harmonium: Intarsien, Op 76, No 12; Fasching in Köln Impressions, Op 102, No 2; Was der Ferge erzählt, No 9; Ziehende Wasserkreise, No 12; Farben *der Frühe Stilstudien von* Palestrina bis Schönberg, Op 101; Profumo sottile del fiore magico, Vol 2, No 33; Idylls, Op 104, No 4; *Ein Reihen auf* dem grünen, No 6; Baude im Spätherbst, sonata in B minor, Op 36, No 1
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure; Poppy Holden presents music from France
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: *Tomnak*: Michael Hall talks to John Metcalf about his second commission for the Welsh National Opera *which receives it premiere in* Cardiff next week. Based on the true story of an Inuit girl brought to Britain during the *last century it contrasts the* spiritual animal culture of the Inuit people with the rigid social conventions of Victorian Britain
7.30 Mahler's Seventh Symphony: played by the Berlin Philharmonic under Seiji Ozawa
8.55 All the World's a Globe: Episode two of the History of Mankind according to the National Theatre of Brent
9.10 Beethoven: The Nash Ensemble with Philippa *Davies, flute, Marcia Crayford,* violin, and Roger Chase, viola, perform Serenade in D, Op 25 (r)
9.40 Bach: Rober Woolley, harsichord, performs Chromatic Fantasia, BWV 903; Concerto in the Italian Style, BWV 971 *(r)*
10.05 Music in Our Time: Sorensen (Angel Music); Florentz (Requiem de la Vierge): Hugh Macdonald introduces the second of two programmes of music presented at last year's International Rostrum of Composers in Paris
11.00 Composers of the Week: Tchaikovsky - The Final Years, 1889-93. Tendres reproches, Op 72, No 3; Symphony No 7, compl Bogatyryev; Yolante, Finale; Passé lointain, Op 72, No 17) (r)
12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts (new series) John Waite investigates allegations of injustice and the abuse of authority *(r)*
9.30 How Far Can You Go? (new series) Barry Norman examines how far modern values challenge religious beliefs and how much freedom an artist should be allowed before the blasphemy line is crossed. Guests include Martin Scorsese, Arnold Wesker, Fay Weldon, Mary Whitehouse, John Cleese and Colin Morris
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Citizens
11.25 Conversation Piece. Sue MacGregor meets Sir Roger Bannister, Master of Pembroke, Oxford
11.50 First Person. David Morrish recalls his career switch from lawyer to shepherd 12.00 News; You and Yours with John Waite
12.25pm King Street Junior (s) (r)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; *Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to Margaret Thatcher about women's issues; a feature on Agatha Christie; an interview with* Candy Duggan, an Aids nursing councillor for children; and a live interview with Juliet Stevenson; *Serial: The Other Occupant* (8)
3.00 News; A Room Full of Mirrors. Play by award-winning *playwright, Patricia Finney.* The third Armada is on its way to an undefended England. Queen Elizabeth I disguises *herself as an ordinary person* to mix with her people in London. An encounter with a witch leads to a chance to save her country. Starring Sian Phillips, Dilys Laye, William Simonds and Elizabeth Proud (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf with Nigel Forde
4.35 Kaleidoscope: Live broadcast from the Brighton Festival (s) (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News: Financial Report
6.30 At Home with the Hardys (new series) Return of the comedy show starring Kit Hollerbach, Jeremy Hardy, Paul B Davies and Caroline Leddy (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Public Affairs: The Oz Trial: *Innocents Defiled? David* Wheeler looks back at the longest obscenity trial in British history. The three editors of the underground *magazine Oz were accused of* publishing an obscene article and corrupting the young. But the occasion turned into a colourful debate about the definition of obscenity and the right of freedom of speech (6) (s)
8.00 Analysis. David Walker investigates who benefits when foreign investors put money into British companies
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Travel special looking at the facilities for the disabled travellers at Heathrow's Terminal Two
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Michael Golderb reviews *Vanilla* at the Lyric Theatre; Nigel Andrews reports from the Cannes Film Festival; and Peter Knapp talks about Travelling Opera's *Don Pasquale* (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book At Bedtime: *Catch 22* by Joseph Heller (6)
11.00 Lonelyheart 4122 (new series): Dramatization of the *Flaxborough Chronicles*, a series of detective novels by Colin Watson (1) (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast
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9.05am-10.45 For Schools (s) 11.00-12.00 For Schools (s) 1.55pm Listening Corner (s) 2.05-3.00 For Schools 5.50-5.55 PM (cont) 11.30-12.10am Open University: 11.30 Maths; 11.50 Democracy in Theory and Practice 12.30-1.10am Night School

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ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Anglia News 2.00-2.30 The Young Doctors 5.25-7.00 About Anglia 10.35 Wideangle 11.05 Sliss 12.05am Danahue 1.00 Film: Three Men To Kill 2.45 Burke's Law 3.40 Raw Power 4.40-5.00 Fifty Years On.

BORDER
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Border News 2.00-2.30 The Partridge Family 5.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Thursday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.35 Mitchell's Mix 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05am Sledge Hammer! 12.35 Film: The Westerner 2.25 Video View 2.55 America's Top Ten *3.25 Sportsworld* 4.25 The Invisible Man 4.50-5.00 Jobfinder.

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Central News 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.35 Central Lobby 11.05 1st Night 11.35 Beauty and the Beast 12.35am Video View 1.05 In the Heat of the Night 2.00 1st Exposure 2.30 Bedrock: *Lindisfarne* 3.30 America's Top Ten 4.00-5.00 Central Jobfinder '90.

GRANADA
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Granada News 2.00-2.30 Hollywood Sports 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 Hard Cash 10.35 Families 11.30 The NeW 12.00 Sledge Hammer! 12.35am Film: The Westerner 2.25 Video View 2.55 America's Top Ten *3.30* Sportsworld 4.25 The Invisible Man 4.50-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 HTV News 2.00-2.30 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.35 The West This Week 11.20 Weekend Outlook 11.35 Film: Two on a Guillotine* 1.30am Kojak *2.30* Quiz Night 3.00 Video View 3.30 Matlock 4.20 Crusade in Europe* 4.40-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales At Six 7.30-8.00 Wales & Westminster 10.35 Wales This Week 11.05-11.35 Sporting Triangles.

TSW
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 TSW News 3.27-4.00 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-*7.00* Blockbusters *10.35* Business South West 11.05 Beauty and the Beast 12.05am The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 12.35 Film: The Westerner 2.30 Video View 3.00 America's Top Ten 3.30 Sportsworld 4.30 The Invisible Man 4.45-5.00 TSW Jobfinder.

TVS
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 TVS News 2.00-2.30 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 TV Weekly 10.40 Facing South 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.10am Whitbread Round the World Race 12.20 Jake and the Fatman 1.15 Film: I Married a Dead Man 3.15 Rallycross 3.45 Jack Thompson Down Under 4.15 Stories in the Night 4.45-5.00 Fifty Years On.

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Regional News 2.00-2.30 Inner Space 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.35 Commercial Break 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05am Married...With Children 12.35 Film: The Westerner 2.30 Video View 3.05 America's Top Ten 3.30 Sportsworld 4.30 The Invisible Man 4.55-5.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Ulster Newstime 2.00-2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20 Police Six 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.35 Witness 10.40 Counterpoint 11.10 An Irish Artist in New York 12.10am Twilight Zone 12.35 Film: The Westerner 2.30 Video View 3.00 America's Top Ten 3.30 Sportsworld 4.30 The Invisible Man 4.55-5.00 Jobfinder.

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Calendar News 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.35 Calendar Commentary 11.05 Married...With Children 11.35 The Struggle for Democracy 12.05am *Film: His Majesty O'Keefe* 1.45 Stories in the Night 2.15 The Twilight Zone 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 CinemAttractions 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

S4C
Starts: 6.00 Art of Landscape 6.30 C4 Daily 9.25 Ysgolion *12.10 Pobol Y Cwm* 12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Chwylrgwgan 1.00 Greek Fire 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Cooking With Mosimann 2.30 Racing from York 4.30 Fifteen to One 5.00 I Love Lucy 5.30 Happy Days 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 Siseon Y Byd 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Galw Gari 7.30 Lectric, Lastic A Lwo 8.00 Dinas 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.25 Hen Fideos Fy Nain 10.00 The Manageress *11.00* World Within A Ring 11.40 Film: To Our Loves 1.30 Diweddd.

RTE 1
Starts: 12.30pm McGilloway's Way 1.00 News 1.30 Knots Landing 2.30 Make It Pay 3.00 "Live" At Three 4.00 Emmerdale Farm 4.30 The Oregon Line 5.30 Country Practice 6.01 Six-One 6.45 Garda Patrol 7.00 Top of the Pops 7.30 The Nature of Things 8.00 Matlock 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Bibi 11.20 Monsters 11.45 News 4.55 Close.

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 8.30 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The New Price Is Right 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 Sky by Day 12.00 Another World 12.50pm As the World Turns 1.45 Loving 2.15 Three's Company 2.45 Here's Lucy 3.15 Groovy Ghoulies 3.45 Cartoons 4.00 The Adventures of Gulliver 4.25 Motor Mouse 4.30 The New Leave It to Beaver 5.00 Sky Star Search 6.00 The New Price Is Right 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 *Beyond 2000* 8.00 Moonlighting 9.00 Wiseguy 10.00 Jameson Tonight 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 Trapper John, MD

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 *European Business Channel* 6.00 International Business Report 11.00 International Business Report 1.30pm NBC Today 2.30 Parliament *Live* 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 NBC Today 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 The Reporters 8.30 The Frank Bough Interview *9.30 Target* 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am The Frank Bough Interview 1.30 Target 2.30 The Reporters 3.30 The Frank Bough Interview 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES

From 6.00am The Shopping Channel
2.00pm *A Hazard of Hearts* (1987): *A young girl is forced to leave her home to live with the ruthless Marquis Justin Vulcan and his mysterious mother. Based on a Barbara Cartland novel. Starring Diana Rigg, Helena Bonham-Carter, Edward Fox, Christopher Plummer and Fiona Fullerton*
4.00 A Night at the Magic Castle: The story of 10-year-old Max who finds himself face-to-face with the ghost of the most incredible magician and escape artist of all-time. Starring Arte Johnson and Matt Shackman
6.00 Three Amigos!(1986): *Three movie stars become real-life heroes. Starring Steve Martin, Chevy Chase and Martin Short*
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Big Shots (1988): Two kids from *opposite sides of the tracks team up after* one is mugged and set out to retrieve a stolen watch. Starring Ricky Buster and Darius McCrary
9.40 Projector
10.00 My Best Friend Is a Vampire (1988): A Texan grocery boy slowly turns into a vampire after a liaison with *a mysterious and beautiful woman.* Starring Robert Sean Leonard and David Warner
11.45 Freddy's Nightmares: Freddy Kruger, star of the Nightmare on Elm Street films, features in his own TV anthology series
1.45am Your Ticket Is No Longer Valid: A 60-year-old businessman finds himself facing financial and sexual problems. Starring Jeanne Moreau and George Peppard
4.00 Knights of the City (1986): A street gang must forego violence to pursue their musical ambitions. Starring Leon Isaac Kennedy and Nicholas Campbell Ends at 5.30

EUROSPORT

6.00am As Sky One 8.30 Volleyball 10.30 Trans World Sport 11.30 Thai Kick Boxing *12.00* Tennis 2.00pm Handclimbing *3.00* Football: The UEFA Cup Final 5.00 World Cup Hockey 6.00 Mobil One Motor Sport News 6.30 Trax 7.00 Monster Trucks 8.00 World *Cup Preview 9.00 Basketball 10.30* Tennis 12.30am Australian Rules Football

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Powersports International 6.00 Rugby League 9.30 Cycling 10.00 Golf *12.00 Cycling* 1.00 Tennis 2.30 Tenpin Bowling 3.15 Cycling 3.45 Spain Spain Sport 4.00 Windsor Horse Show 6.00 Motor Sport 7.00 Horse Racing 7.30 Ice Hockey 9.30 Wide World of Sport 10.30 Indy Time Trials 11.30 Athletics

MTV

Twenty four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Jake's Fitness Minute 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.30 We're Cooking Now 10.50 Spain Spain Cookery 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 Edge of Night 11.35 Great American Gameshows 12.50pm *Style File* 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.45 The Rich Also Cry 2.40 Search for Tomorrow 3.05 The Break 3.15 Afternoon Cinema: The Hasty Heart 4.45 Great American Gameshows 6.00 Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 7.00

BSB: THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● All Films are followed by news and weather
1.00pm The Movie Show
1.30 Act One (1963): Hollywood biopic about Brooklyn-born playwright, Moss Hart. Starring George Hamilton and Jason Robards
3.55 Bluebeard's Eighth Wife (1938): An impoverished French aristocrat is out to get the upper hand over an oft-married playboy millionaire. Starring Gary Cooper and Claudette Colbert
6.30 The Movie Show
8.00 Surrender (1987): Two incompatible people fall for each other. Starring Sally Field and Michael Caine
8.00 Innerspace (1987): A miniaturized air force flyer is injected into the body of a supermarket clerk. Starring Dennis Quaid, Martin Short and Meg Ryan
10.05 Enma: Queen of the South Seas, part two (1987): *Continuing the story of the nineteenth century Pacific beauty*
11.40 Mad Max (1979): A cop of the future is confronted with horror on the roads in the form of motorbike gangs. Starring Mel Gibson Ends at 1.15am

GALAXY

7.00am Superfriends 7.30 Mix-it 8.30 31 West 9.00 Bewitched 9.30 Laughlines 10.00 *Time of Your Life* 10.30 *The Movie Show* 11.00 Playabout 11.15 Mrs Pepperpot 11.30 Debbie Reynolds Show 12.00 Wife of the Week 12.30 *The Bold and the Beautiful* 1.00 Maude 1.30 Shoestring 2.30 Young and Restless 3.30 Playabout 3.45 Mrs Pepperpot 4.00 Danger Bay 4.30 Kids Incorporated *5.00 Mix-it 6.00 31 West 6.30* The Time of Your Life 7.00 Designing Women 7.30 Laughlines 8.00 Knightwatch 9.00 Up Yer News 9.15 I Love Keith Allen 10.00 Till Death do us Part 10.30 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer 11.30 The Movie Show 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 12.30 Up Yer News 12.45 I Love Keith Allen

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

1.25pm Sportsdesk 1.30 Racing Today 2.00 Football: Scotland v Egypt 4.00 Sportrait 4.30 American Sports Cavalcade 6.00 Sportsdesk *6.30 Basketball* 7.00 Motor World 7.30 Sportsdesk 8.00 The Main Event: Australian Rugby League 9.30 Inside the US PGA Tour 10.00 Racing Today 10.30 Sportsdesk *11.00 On Two Wheels* 12.00 Sportsdesk

NOW

9.30am Left, Right and Centre 10.00 Living Now 11.00 American Business Today 11.30 European Business Today 12.00 Good Morning America 3.00pm Living Now 4.00 Assignment Adventure 5.00 Good Morning America 6.00 Now Sir Robin 7.00 Living Now 8.00 First Edition 9.00 Creme de la Creme 10.00 European Business Today 10.30 V.I.P. 11.30 Left, Right and Centre 12.00 American Business Today

THE POWER STATION

7.00am Eighteen hours of rock and pop

Oil sludge clean-up under fire

By Jamie Dettmer

HUNDREDS of tons of oil, leaked from the holed supertanker Rose Bay, washed ashore on the south Devon coast yesterday, polluting over 15 miles of the county's most spectacular and popular tourist beaches.

Amid growing criticism of the clean-up operation, emergency workers were still struggling last night to prevent the stinking oil sludge from reaching rare salt marshes up the estuaries of the rivers Avon and Erme. The marshes are rich in marine and bird life.

All beaches between the holiday resorts of Salcombe to Plymouth have been affected, including Bigbury Bay and the picturesque Ayrmer Cove. The stretch of Stoke Beach around Mothecombe, at the mouth of the Erme, is one of the worst affected. There were fears last night that winds could sweep more of the sludge to so far unaffected beaches to the east and west.

The disaster began last Saturday when the 250,000-tonnes Rose Bay collided with a trawler, spilling about 1,000 tons of oil into the sea. Intensive spraying with detergent appears to have broken up most of the slick but nearly 200 tons are believed to have been washed ashore.

Greenpeace continued yesterday its criticism of the clean-up operation, which is being jointly undertaken by South Hams District Council and the Marine Pollution Unit of Devon County Council. Some local inhabitants joined in the criticism. Mr Hans Guyt, of Greenpeace, said: "The authorities in this country are apparently not organized, not structured to deal with such a problem."

Yesterday morning, with few emergency workers actually on many of the beaches, Greenpeace's criticism appeared as well founded. Mr Trevor Cowley, the manager of a holiday park at Challaborough, was anxious for the clean-up operation to start quickly since the holiday season is only days away.

"This is all a kick in the teeth," he said. "We've only just managed to repair last winter's storm damage. I suppose at least we have a few people from the council on this beach. I don't know if this will affect us badly but it all depends on how quickly they get things going."

The local council, it appears, however, decided to concentrate its efforts on the sensitive wildlife areas along the coast.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ken Reynolds, Devon's County Emergency Officer, defended the clean-up operation. He said: "There is no earthly point in going to clean a beach which will be polluted with more oil at the next tide. We are not going to rush in. We want to assess the situation, see where the oil is and then make considered decisions about when to go in and where to go in."

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MARC HILL

Workers at Bigbury cleaning up the oil slick, which has devastated the Devon coast

Minister condemns strip mill closure

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of his assertion to a Tory conference a year ago that "Ravenscraig has been given a new lease of life" and of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's statement in an interview that she had a "soft spot" for the Ravenscraig workforce.

In his statement Mr Rifkind said: "British Steel announced this morning their intention to close the hot strip mill at their Ravenscraig steel works during the first half of 1991. While this, of course, is a matter for the commercial judgement of the company, I must make it clear that I deplored this decision and its implications for the workforce. I am also very disturbed by the potential implications of closing the hot strip mill for the future of Ravenscraig as a whole.

"As yet, British Steel have not provided any details as to why they believe that the closure of the hot strip mill is necessary. I very much hope they will do so, as those affected are entitled to the fullest possible information. The hot strip mill has been a valuable asset for the company over the last three years and we are not aware why it ceased to be so. I also very much hope that British Steel will take all their workforce at Ravenscraig into their confidence as to their future employment prospects.

"The decision announced by British Steel is not due to come into effect until the first half of next year. There is still, therefore, opportunity for the company to reconsider their decision and see the hot strip mill as an asset rather than as a liability.

"The Scottish Office, naturally, regrets any decision that has significant adverse employment implications. As we would with any other major employer in Scotland we shall seek to persuade British Steel to reconsider their proposal in the interests of the company and its workforce."

The Scottish Conservative Party immediately pledged to join all other parties to persuade British Steel to change its mind. Mr Michael Forsyth, the Scottish party chairman, said: "The workers of Ravenscraig deserve to be supported. This issue demands unity of purpose between all of Scotland's political parties."

Yesterday's announcement offered little hope for the future of the 3,200-strong Ravenscraig workforce. Sir Robert said the closure was necessary because demand had fallen and growing imports had brought pressure on the company to reduce costs. British Steel was responsible to its shareholders and, having been privatized, had to prove that it would continue to be as efficient as possible. "Our role in the UK is to present low priced or competitively priced, high quality steel for our manufacturing base," he said.

Mr Tommy Brennan, shop stewards' convener at the plant, said the decision would lead to the eventual death of Ravenscraig: "It is an outrage. It is the worst announcement we have ever had." Local community leaders said an eventual closure of Ravenscraig could lead to up to 15,000 people losing their jobs in support industries.

Mr Iain Lawson, the Scottish National Party's steel spokesman, said: "This is the grossest possible betrayal of one of the finest workforces anywhere in Europe. British Steel are willing to waste £83 million of shareholders' money installing concast facilities at Llanwern which already exist at Ravenscraig. No one can now be in any doubt, there is no British future for Scottish steel. An independent Scottish steel industry is the only solution. We want a price from British Steel for their Scottish operations, and we want it now. They must be forced to sell immediately, not in four years' time when it is too late."

Before meeting Sir Robert to urge new investment instead of a cutback, Mr Dewar said: "I believe it is a fundamentally wrong decision based on a narrow view of likely future demand. The closure is not in the interests of the industry or the country. We all know that the European market is going to expand in the next four or five years with the big build-up of demand in the car industry with Japanese firms coming into Britain and with North Sea oil demand." The plant was important to rail freight in Scotland, the Hunterston ore terminal in Ayrshire and the electricity industry.

Mr Campbell Christie, general secretary of the Scottish TUC, said the broadest campaign ever seen in Scotland must ensure that the closure of Ravenscraig in the mid-1990s did not occur.

Van Gogh painting fetches record £49.7 m

From Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent
New York

THE $100 million painting is now "in the realms of possibility" following the sale of Van Gogh's "Portrait of Dr Gachet" for a new world record of $82.5 million (£49.7 million) on Tuesday night, according to Mr Christopher Burge, president of Christie's North America and the auctioneer at the sale.

So jubilant was the mood of the crowd which virtually carried him in triumph to the press conference after the sale, that few reflected just how far the rest of the prices lagged behind. Prospects were nothing like so rosy for many of the 80 other works offered. Many fetched 20 to 30 per cent less than their estimates. Twenty-four went unsold.

The latest art market phenomenon is therefore a dramatic dividing of the ways between top quality and the rest. The "Portrait of Dr Gachet" was always considered part of the top stream.

The battle for the Van Gogh was the stuff of auction history. Bids started at $20 million (£12 million) and moved swiftly upwards in units of $1 million. The dealer, Mr Hideto Kobayashi, entered at $30 million, bidding unhesitatingly each time the bid was back in his court. There was applause when the $50 million barrier was passed. There was excited laughter at $63 million, and people started craning to get a look of Mr Kobayashi. There was a pause at $71 million, and everyone waited for the sound of the gavel. It did not come, and the bidding proceeded.

There was a further pause, while the anonymous telephone bidder considered the situation. He decided to proceed, but Mr Kobayashi was quick with his return shot. At $75 million, the hammer came down to tumultuous applause. With its 10 per cent buyer's premium, the final figure was $82.5 million.

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Dr Gachet: a painting worth almost £50 million

Political sketch

Making heartfelt instincts clear

"IS MY hon friend aware ..." – the elfish Nicholas Bennett (C, Pembroke) had the Minister for consumer protection, Eric Forth, in his sights – "... that coming onto the market are some innocuous-looking and prettily-packaged goods, with no price-tag on them, emanating from an address on the Walworth Road ..." The rest was lost in laughter.

Opposition Front-Benchers, the authors of Labour's newly-unveiled policies for the next election, adopted the "no comment" glare that we have come to recognize on the face of the businessman emerging from his Jaguar to be confronted by a microphone, a camera, and one of Esther Rantzen's lieutenants.

Forth chuckled. "These products are grotesquely unsafe for the public."

The Daily Telegraph had made the same point that morning, eloquently: "Labour cannot be blamed for wanting to conceal its true intentions until the last possible moment," said its leading article. It will be the first of many, all wide of the mark.

Opposition parties do not conceal their intentions. They do not have intentions. They are not capable of it. They are shifting coalitions with differing hopes, no foreknowledge of future events, and no agreed plan for dealing with them.

What political parties do have is instincts. To search these out is more useful than the search for intentions. To know a party's instinct is to know where its heart is, and to guess its likely behaviour. Such guesses may prove more accurate than its own.

Faced with the closure of part of a nationally important business by a commercial management, the Tory Party's instinct is to let it go. Labour's instinct is to do something. Yesterday, the Scottish Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, reported British Steel's intention to close the hot strip mill at Ravenscraig. For Labour, Donald Dewar replied. Each found himself displaced from his own party's instincts.

For Rifkind the displacement was much more immediately painful. He was obliged to imply that he knew better than British Steel what lay in its commercial interests. He "deplored this decision". He asked British Steel to "see the mill as an asset rather than as a liability". He invented an entitlement, unknown to law, for workforce to be advized by management of the reasons for decisions. He invented an obligation on such companies to offer premises (after closure) to potential rivals.

Mr Dewar, in a powerful intervention, anchored himself to ground quite close to Mr Rifkind, while attacking his rival in violent language. His argument, too, was founded on the *commercial* folly of the decision. He scrupulously avoided any commitment to subsidy, or re-nationalization.

Then they both sat down. Now came the songs from the hearts of their two parties – their backbenches. It was in each case a different song from those which had come from the Dispatch Boxes.

The Scots Tories did back Rifkind. They had to. But no Tory who could afford to be careless of the electoral cost, did. Richard Holt (Langbaurgh) told Rifkind, with emphasis, that steelworks had closed in England, too, yet their districts had prospered. "We should stop looking backwards and start looking forward," he said. Ian Gow (Eastbourne) recommended to Rifkind the humility "to subordinate his own commercial judgement to that of British Steel". Phillip Oppenheim (Amber Valley) thought that building Ravenscraig had been the misjudgement of a state industry.

From his own side, Dewar received support which was comforting only in the immediate sense. Alex Eadie (Midlothian), who is a moderate, saw in this a partial "indictment" of the denationalization of steel. Dr John Reid (Motherwell N) said this mishap was implicit in the initial privatization.

For the Liberals, Malcolm Bruce called for a Scottish steel industry which management was unable to close.

On all sides there were accusations of plots, deceptions and evasion. But what we were observing were not concealed intentions but revealed instincts. It was a revelation.

Matthew Parris

Menem moves out

Buenos Aires

PRESIDENT Menem of Argentina has moved out of the official residence to end highly publicized matrimonial strife that has taken on political overtones, the Argentine press reported yesterday.

Señor Menem, aged 59, who led the Peronist Party to victory in the May 1989 elections, has described his wife as one of the "harshest critics" of his free-market reforms. Señora Zulema Menem, aged 46, has publicly questioned the effect his policies will have on workers, pensioners and the poor. She has accused her husband's aides of corruption and maintained ties with his foes. *(AP)*

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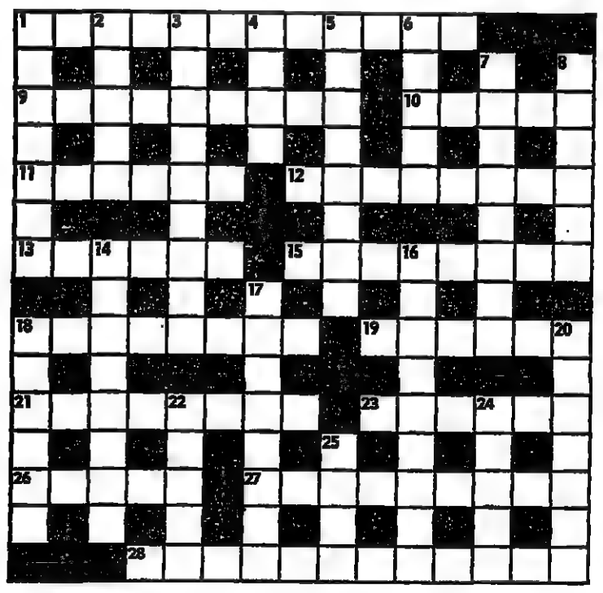


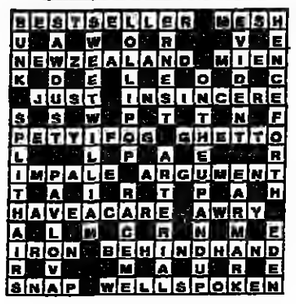
ACROSS

1 Is it, perhaps, right? It's wrong for cleric (6,6).
9 Cleans inside sink, so to speak (9).
10 Above a pound of tea, we hear (5).
11 Complete home address (6).
12 Too big for his boots, acted like a bounder? (6-2).
13 Gang-leader has to discourage dangerous criminal (6).
15 Poison, possibly, for US revolutionary without first name (8).
18 It was just the ticket for Jack (8).
19 Encounter opponents at bridge, returning prize (8).
21 The clay's modelled in a modest way (8).
23 Organized workers to investigate Italian type (6).
26 Present some children do without (5).
27 Only pretended, and so it is false (3-6).
28 Loose women rush round me in the ship (5,7).

DOWN

1 Walking to north from station (7).
2 One caught, inter alia, in second test? (5).
3 Person who acts deliberately to brake vehicle (9).
4 Explorer's estate (4).
5 Unfairness within union (8).
6 Rogue son's taken over party (5).
7 By the way, it's invariably found (8).
8 Special plates for main diet (6).
14 Two little boys in William's place (8).
16 Like man having endless row, in a state (9).
17 People's representative – one out of 16 changed (5,3).
18 Gate secured by catch, possibly (6).
20 Maintain watch on old warship (7).
22 Keep horse on canal, perhaps (5).
24 Fish with 16 for a spell (5).
25 Prejudice in certain spheres directed towards Jack (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,295



Concise Crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

MYRINGA
a. The mock orange
b. An ear drum
c. A ring of mice

GHAZI
a. An outdoor lavatory
b. A Muslim warrior
c. Persian carpet with animals

AUSTRINGER
a. A keeper of goshawks
b. A Mediterranean south wind
c. A bullfighter's valet

BOGUSWARE
a. Petticoat Lane porcelain
b. A false alarm
c. Malevolent computer software

Answers on page 22

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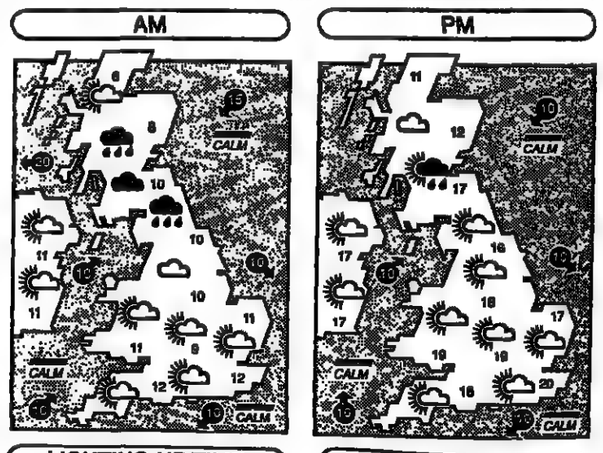
WEATHER

England, Wales and Northern Ireland will have a mostly dry day with bright or sunny spells. Parts of north-east England will be cloudy, especially near the coast. Central and southern Scotland will be cloudy with rain at first in places, but it will become brighter away from the east coast. Outlook: bright, or sunny, spells, but cloudy and cooler on eastern coasts. Scattered showers in the south.



ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	22	72	s	Majorca	24	75	s
Akrotiri	24	75	s	Malaga	23	73	s
Alex'dria	25	77	c	Malta	23	73	s
Algiers	25	77	s	Melb'rne	18	64	f
Amst'dm	17	63	s	Mexico C*	-	-	-
Athens	29	84	s	Miami*	31	88	f
Bahrain	34	93	s	Milan	26	79	s
Barbados*	29	84	c	Montreal*	16	61	c
Barcelna	24	75	s	Moscow	16	61	c
Belgrade	28	82	s	Munich	22	72	f
Berlin	19	66	s	Nairobi	24	75	c
Bermuda*	25	77	f	Naples	24	75	s
Biarritz	22	72	s	N Delhi	34	93	s
Borde'x	23	73	s	N York*	22	72	s
Brussels	18	64	c	Nice	21	70	s
Budapst	25	77	s	Oslo	11	52	c
B Aires*	17	63	s	Paris	19	66	f
Cairo	30	86	s	Peking	-	-	-
Cape Tn	31	88	s	Perth	19	66	s
C'blanca	21	70	c	Prague	23	73	f
Chicago*	9	48	r	Reykjvik	10	50	f
Ch'church	17	63	c	Rhodes	21	70	f
Cologne	22	72	f	Rio de J	25	77	c
C'phagn	18	64	f	Riyadh	38	100	s
Corfu	26	79	s	Rome	22	72	c
Dublin	14	57	f	Salzburg	22	72	s
Dubrovnik	25	77	s	S Frisco*	16	61	s
Faro	23	73	s	Santiago*	18	64	s
Florence	24	75	s	S Paulo*	20	68	c
Frankfurt	22	72	f	Seoul	23	73	f
Funchal	20	68	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Geneva	23	73	s	St'kholm	9	48	c
Gibraltar	22	72	s	Strasb'rg	24	75	s
Helsinki	13	55	c	Sydney	18	64	c
Hong K	25	77	c	Tangier	23	73	f
Innsbrck	24	75	s	Tel Aviv	24	75	s
Istanbul	20	68	s	Tenerife	22	72	f
Jeddah	-	-	-	Tokyo	20	68	c
Jo'burg*	16	61	s	Toronto*	21	70	s
Karachi	-	-	-	Tunis	24	75	s
L Palmas	23	73	s	Valencia	23	73	s
Le Touqt	16	61	f	Vanc'ver*	12	54	c
Lisbon	21	70	s	Venice	27	81	s
Locarno	24	75	c	Vienna	23	73	f
L Angels*	18	64	s	Warsaw	20	68	f
Luxembg	20	68	c	Wash'ton*	23	73	f
Lisbon	37	99	s	Wel'ngton	15	59	c
Madrid	27	81	s	Zurich	22	72	s

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarborough	5.1	.06	18	64	bright
Hunstanton	10.0	.07	20	68	sunny
Cromer	8.6	-	22	72	bright
Lowestoft	7.6	-	20	68	bright
Clacton	9.4	-	18	64	sunny
Southend	8.6	-	20	68	bright
Folkestone	7.5	-	16	61	bright
Hastings	6.9	-	17	63	bright
Eastbourne	8.1	-	17	63	bright
Jersey	8.0	.02	20	68	bright
Guernsey	10.5	-	20	68	sunny
St. Ives	2.1	.19	15	59	shower
Newquay	1.8	.24	16	61	shower
Saunton Snd	3.3	.36	16	61	bright
Minehead	6.2	.09	19	66	shower
Blackpool	3.4	.44	17	63	thundr
Morecambe	3.7	.40	17	63	rain
Douglas	2.1	.50	13	55	rain
Aspatria	2.6	.50	15	59	rain
Birmingham	6.0	.19	19	66	shower
Bristol	9.5	.01	18	64	shower
Buxton	8.7	.59	17	63	sunny
Leeds	3.9	.31	19	66	thundr
Newcastle	4.4	1.31	16	61	thundr
Nottingham	5.1	.12	20	68	thundr
Anglesey	3.2	.41	16	61	shower
Cardiff	5.3	.16	18	64	shower
Colwyn Bay	3.1	.08	16	61	cloudy
Tenby	2.7	1.03	14	57	rain
Aviemore	0.3	.09	10	50	rain
Edinburgh	1.4	.17	10	50	rain
Eskdalemuir	0.2	.33	13	55	rain
Kinloss	0.8	.01	11	52	rain
Lerwick	1.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Fraserburgh	2.0	.49	15	59	shower
Stornoway	9.6	-	13	55	sunny
Tiree	6.0	.26	14	57	rain
Wick	2.7	-	11	52	cloudy
Belfast	5.1	.33	16	61	shower

Tuesday's figures are latest available.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.43 pm to 5.05 am
Bristol 8.59 pm to 5.15 am
Edinburgh 9.22 pm to 4.55 am
Manchester 9.06 pm to 5.04 am
Penzance 9.04 pm to 5.32 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	13	55r		Guernsey	15	59s	
B'mghm	17	63c		Inverness	10	50c	
Blackpool	15	59r		Jersey	17	63f	
Bristol	17	63s		London	19	66f	
Cardiff	17	63f		Manchester	17	63s	
Edinburgh	9	48r		Newcastle	12	54c	
Glasgow	11	52r		R'ckdaway	12	54r	

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*Includes pollen count.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 20C (68F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6 pm, 58 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.0 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1016.2 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Heathrow Airport, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Fife Ness, Fife, 08C (46F); highest rainfall: Newastle, 1.31 highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, 11.9 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.09 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 6.6 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 08C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.48 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 6.30pm and 10pm

Sun rises: 5.06 am | Sun sets: 8.49 pm
Moon rises 2.00 am | Moon sets 11.46 am
Last Quarter 8.45pm

POLLEN COUNT

The pollen count for London and the South-east issued by the Asthma Research Council at 10 am yesterday was 2 (low). Forecast for today, low. For the next 24 hours call National Pollen and Hay Fever Bureau: 0898 500429 (updated at midday).

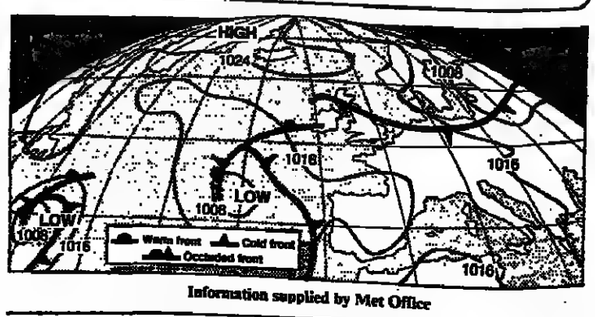
HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.18	6.2	7.22	6.1
Aberdeen	6.49	3.5	7.57	3.3
Avonmouth	12.02	10.4	12.30	10.3
Belfast	4.29	3.1	5.19	2.9
Cardiff	—	—	12.15	9.6
Devonport	11.25	4.3	11.49	4.5
Dover	4.17	5.3	4.53	5.4
Falmouth	10.55	4.1	11.19	4.3
Glasgow	5.53	4.2	6.36	4.0
Harwich	5.09	3.3	5.20	3.3
Holyhead	3.47	4.7	4.34	4.3
Hull	11.41	6.0	—	—
Ilfracombe	11.33	7.0	—	—
King's Lynn	11.47	5.2	—	—
Leith	8.14	4.5	9.05	4.4

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	4.34	7.8	5.09	7.4
Lowestoft	3.24	2.0	2.56	2.1
Margate	5.27	4.1	5.42	4.1
Milford Haven	11.49	5.2	—	—
Newquay	10.46	5.4	11.23	5.5
Oban	11.08	2.8	—	—
Penzance	10.39	4.3	11.04	4.5
Portland	—	—	12.31	.3
Portsmouth	4.44	3.9	5.33	4.0
Shoreham	4.22	4.9	5.17	5.0
Southampton	4.22	3.8	5.17	3.8
Swansea	11.54	7.4	—	—
Tees	9.30	4.5	10.24	4.3
W'ton-on-Nze	5.09	3.5	5.17	3.4

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

NOON TODAY



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BUSINESS

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6775 (–0.0005)

W German mark
2.7569 (–0.0099)

Exchange index
87.4 (–0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1739.8 (+8.2)

FT-SE 100
2221.1 (+8.9)

USM (Datastream)
130.28 (+0.27)

Market report, page 32

Guerin 'sold arms illegally to South Africa'

By Angela Mackay

MR JAMES Guerin, the former deputy chairman of Ferranti International, masterminded a scheme to export weapons illegally to South Africa, according to evidence presented by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation yesterday.

The US District Court of Pennsylvania was told by special agent Mr Gerard O'Callaghan that Mr Guerin and his brother-in-law Mr Carl Jacobson established a "front" company in New York, Gamma Systems, which was only a post office box to deceive the authorities.

In the early 1970s, Mr Guerin, an American, founded International Signal & Control, a weapons and aviation company, and later sold the Pennsylvania-based company to Ferranti, the British defence and electronics group, for £460 million. Last September, a few months after Mr Guerin resigned from the board and sold his shares, Ferranti announced it had uncovered a £215 million shortfall in the value of its assets caused by alleged large-scale frauds at ISC.

Mr O'Callaghan said: "Gamma was a front company to put ISC at arms length from transactions to South Africa" but he did not reveal the details of these transactions.

On Tuesday, a representative of the US Internal Revenue Service gave evidence at the hearing that Mr Guerin had directed a $1 billion military contracts fraud during the 1980s which had artificially inflated the share prices of both ISC and later, Ferranti.

The FBI agent told the US District Attorney, Mr Robert Goldman, yesterday that Gamma Systems was one of the companies involved in the $1 billion fraud as well as illegal arms shipments.

Representing the government, Mr Goldman is trying to maintain a court order which has frozen $2 million deposited with the court by Mr Guerin in a severance pay dispute with his former lawyer, Mr William Clark.

The government alleges Mr Guerin is not entitled to repayment of the funds because they were obtained through fraud and racketeering and that Mr Clark is not entitled to the money because he allegedly used extortion and blackmail to force Mr Guerin to sign the pay deal.

In his testimony, Mr O'Callaghan said Mr Clark knew of ISC's illegal activities. He said he had gleaned this from interviews with a former ISC finance executive, Mr James Deitch, who said Mr Clark told him "Those (ISC) people have to worry, they are going to gaol."

According to the FBI agent, Mr Deitch said two former directors of Ferranti, Mr Joseph Zilligen and Mr Clyde Ivy, were "criminals and crooks."

Mr Guerin said in January that Mr Clark forced him to sign the pay agreement using blackmail related to the web of illegal activities. He said he secretly taped conversations with Mr Clark which would prove this. The tapes have been subpoenaed by a Grand Jury.

Ferranti has issued writs for damages against Mr Guerin and eight other companies and people to try to recover the money allegedly pilfered from the company. Mr Guerin has consistently protested his innocence.

At the hearing on Tuesday, the court was told by an Internal Revenue Service agent, Ms Amy Zelnik, that ISC had fabricated contracts for non-existent systems. "They are entirely fictitious," she said.

Losses arising from the alleged fraud caused the near-collapse of Ferranti, which had to make special arrangements with its bankers and stand-by underwriting arrangements for share issues. The company is extricating itself by selling parts of the business, and has just recruited the company doctor Mr Eugene Anderson as chairman in place of Sir Derek Alun-Jones, who was chairman at the time the ISC takeover was agreed with Mr Guerin.

It is alleged that ISC used a network of bank accounts in the United States and Switzerland, a number of "front" companies, false inventories and forged contracts to hide the frauds. Before the Ferranti takeover, ISC chose a listing on the London stock market, rather than in the US, because disclosure requirements were less severe.

Meanwhile, in a separate court hearing, Mr Jacobson was sentenced to two months imprisonment for his role as a "bagman" in bribing a US Navy official with $80,000 to try to obtain more defence contracts for another company founded by Mr Guerin, United Chem-Con. Several United Chem-Con executives have been convicted. Mr Guerin has not been charged in the matter.

Shares in Dan-Air firm soar

SHARES of Davies & Newman Holdings, owner of the Dan-Air airline, soared at the prospect of either a bid or a co-operation deal, probably involving a competitor taking a substantial stake.

The shares ended up 150p at 575p after the company said it was in discussions with a number of interested parties. Speculation centres on moves from a US or European airline. Comment, page 27

Profits drop

Avon Rubber suffered a 20 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £4.84 million in the six months to March. Earnings per share were 37 per cent down at 13.7p. The dividend stays at 5p. Tempus, page 26

Ultramar hit

Ultramar reports first quarter net income of £18.4 million compared with £32.2 million last time, after suffering from lower refining margins in California. Tempus, page 26

Lonrho to sue Tebbit over HoF takeover

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

LONRHO, the international trading group, has issued a writ against Mr Norman Tebbit, Trade Secretary at the time of the takeover of House of Fraser by the Fayeds five years ago.

The writ, which claims substantial damages, names the Secretary of State, making it effectively a writ against the Government of the day.

Lonrho accuses Mr Tebbit of negligence and abuse of his powers and claims damages for the loss of Lonrho's opportunity to bid for House of Fraser at the crucial time.

Much of the Lonrho campaign against the Government and the Fayeds has centred on Mr Tebbit's decision to allow them to buy HoF without a reference to the Monopolies Commission, the subject of a report by DTI inspectors published two months ago after an 18-month delay.

By contrast, Lonrho's writ against Mr Tebbit centres on his not allowing Lonrho to bid at the same time as the Fayeds were making their offer in March, 1985.

Mr Tebbit was sent an MMC report on the relations between Lonrho and the then independent House of Fraser on February 14, 1985.

It recommended that Lonrho be allowed to bid for House of Fraser. This was nearly three weeks before the Fayeds launched their bid for HoF on March 4. But Lonrho could not bid for HoF because it was still subject to an undertaking to the Trade Secretary, stemming from an earlier MMC report, which only Mr Tebbit could agree to lift.

Lonrho claims Mr Tebbit's decision not to release Lonrho promptly from its 1981 undertaking was negligent and an abuse of his powers.

Although the MMC report was published with Mr Tebbit's approval on March 7, 1985, Mr Tebbit did not release Lonrho from its undertaking until March 14. That was three days after the Fayeds had won control of HoF by buying shares in the stock market, some of them ultimately from Lonrho.

The release was announced simultaneously with Mr Tebbit's decision not to refer the Fayed bid to the MMC. The latter decision was taken unusually rapidly, only 10 days after the bid was announced.

The crucial delay in releasing Lonrho from its undertaking, despite publication of the report recommending Lonrho be freed to bid, has never been satisfactorily explained.

Tebbit: unavailable

Mr Tebbit flew out of London and was unavailable for comment yesterday. He is believed to be returning later today. So the writ has not yet been served.

Due to the rules of Crown privilege, suits for damages against ministers acting within their powers, or the Government, are rare. It would be open to the Government to support a defendant being sued over his duties as a minister. It is also possible the writ could be legally challenged, delaying or obviating substantive hearing of the issues.

Lonrho has already attempted to sue the Fayeds, Kleinwort Benson (their merchant bank adviser on the HoF bid) and Mr John MacArthur, then a director of Kleinwort Benson. But a long-running challenge to the writ awaits final appeal to the House of Lords. Bernard Sunley, a construction group now half-owned by Lonrho, has also issued a writ against the Fayeds.

Mr Paul Spicer, a Lonrho director, said the action against Mr Tebbit had been considered earlier, but that Lonrho had had to wait for the inspectors' report into HoF to be published and await reactions to it.

"If people are going to sit around doing nothing and allow an unlevel playing field to exist in this country, the only option is to take action for ourselves," he added.

Sheppard scoops up a winner

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Ice-cool cheer: Allen Sheppard (left) and Ian Martin launch Häagen-Dazs in London, served by Lisa Blake

BAe to buy three Rush businesses

By Jeremy Andrews

BRITISH Aerospace is to buy three regional construction businesses of Rush & Tompkins, the property group which collapsed last month with debts of more than £300 million.

BAe will expand the British operations of Ballast Nedam, its civil engineering subsidiary, by paying Rush's receiver an undisclosed sum for six regional offices, plant and work in progress, and will be offering new contracts to about 250 of Rush's 1,750 former employees. BAe acquired Ballast Nedam for $90 million in December 1987, nine months after it bought Royal Ordnance.

Although based in Holland, Ballast was bought from Wedge International, a Lebanese company, and has substantial operations in Saudi Arabia, where it has been active for 27 years.

Ballast's turnover last year was £450 million, but only £20 million came from the UK, where it employs just 150 of its 4,000 staff.

Mr Philip Alexander, Ballast's director of strategic planning and business development, said it was BAe's policy to increase the size of the UK operations.

BAe will be taking on Rush & Tompkins' construction assets in the South-east, South-west and northern regions.

British Aerospace is not buying Rush's property development business.

'Mad cow' upsets GrandMet

By Our City Staff

AN OUTBREAK of stock-market jitters over "mad cow disease" and its impact on the British restaurant business marred the announcement of a sharply-higher set of interim profits from Grand Metropolitan, the drinks, food and pubs group, driving the shares 13p lower to 574p.

Mr Allen Sheppard, the GrandMet chairman, reported pre-tax profits 36 per cent higher at £409 million for the six months to end-March and an interim dividend up 15 per cent to 7.6p after adjusting for the effects of a 1988 rights issue. He hit out at fears over bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), which have weakened the shares, saying that little more than half a per cent of the group's business came from British beef.

GrandMet had contingency plans to switch entirely to imported meat within two days if customers at its Burger King and other restaurants in Britain "voted with their feet" and there was a fall in demand, said Mr Sheppard. "At this stage in the game we see no reason to do that."

Profits at Burger King, bought as part of the $5.75 billion purchase of the US Pillsbury food business in 1988, jumped from £14 million in the three months they were included in figures last time to £53 million for the half year. Trading profits from the rest of Pillsbury's business rose from £40 million to £100 million over the same period.

Tempus, page 26

NatWest aims to add French bank to European network

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

NATIONAL Westminster Bank is in exclusive negotiations to buy L'Européenne de Banque from Crédit Commercial de France, in an attempt to add another block to its growing European network.

Talks are in an early stage, but analysts estimate that NatWest would have to pay between £80 million and £100 million.

The banks' joint statement was designed to prevent any rival offers, since the disposal of L'Européenne has long been suggested in the French press as it duplicates CCF's existing commercial and retail banking operations.

A CCF spokeswoman said the bank had received many offers for the bank, but L'Européenne's management had chosen NatWest as its preferred parent.

L'Européenne has total assets of Fr13.79 billion (£1.46 billion) and last year made a net profit of Fr62 million. It has 16 branches, half in Paris, and employs 1,300.

The bank specializes in wealthy "gold card" customers, and has 50,000 accounts. It also caters for medium-sized company accounts. Its main subsidiary is Laffitte Investissement, which has 250 life assurance salesmen operating from 24 branches.

The bank also has a strong asset management business with funds of Fr21 billion. L'Européenne was originally Banque Rothschild, but was nationalized in 1982 and renamed. In 1985, it was merged with CCF, which rationalized it and improved profitability. The disposal would be part of reorganization at CCF.

The acquisition would be an important step in NatWest's European expansion.

This week the bank completed its purchase of a 40 per cent stake in Van Lanschot, the fifth largest Dutch bank, from Rabobank, to bring its stake to 80 per cent.

NatWest has 10 branches in France.

Rank 'confirms' speculation by refusing to rule out full bid

Mecca standing by to repel boarders

By Martin Waller

MECCA Leisure Group went on full bid alert yesterday as Rank Organisation, the larger leisure and entertainments combine, issued a statement that apparently confirmed market speculation by refusing to rule out a full bid.

Mecca shares, in the doldrums since the group revealed huge borrowings and poor full-year profits last month, have risen from 58p last Thursday to 79p yesterday, after Rank's statement admitted Mecca had been kept under "periodic review."

It said: "While the options available to Rank inevitably include making an offer for Mecca, no decision has been made."

Mecca, chaired by Mr Michael Guthrie, rushed out its own statement, saying no approach had been made from Rank or anyone else and advising shareholders to take no action.

Rank said the weather eye it had kept on Mr Guthrie's troubled leisure empire "follows an established pattern of appraising and assessing companies in similar businesses in home and overseas markets." In January it made a surprise £357 million cash call to fund further expansion, but at the time the focus of its attention was thought to be overseas.

The market was not expecting an immediate full bid from Rank, not least because of monopolies problems caused by the overlap in the two companies' bingo operations and possibly their holiday camps in this country. But Rank could decide to take an interest in the £250 million-worth of disposals Mr Guthrie is being forced to make.

The statement was prompted by the City's Panel on Takeovers and Mergers, given the sharp rise in the Mecca price and the talk of a Rank bid that had swirled around the market. Rank met the Panel earlier this week.

Denial of any intention to bid would have blocked Rank for a six-month period under Panel rules. This might have been inconvenient, analysts believe, if the Mecca price slipped to a level that might prompt an opportunistic bid.

"I have no trouble acting in accord with the Code," said Mr Gifford. But he admitted: "Clearly, but for the Code, we wouldn't have made a statement."

Rank narrowly missed acquiring Mecca when the latter was spun off from Grand Metropolitan, its old parent, in 1985. It is thought to have bid £100 million for the business, but GrandMet favoured a £95 million management buyout.

Mr Guthrie was relaxed about the Rank statement. "There's been so much speculation because we're seen as having heavy debts that it comes as no surprise to me," he said.

Any full cash bid at, for example, £1 a share would burden Rank with debts approaching £1 billion.

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Finland Mkk	6.87	6.47
France Fr	9.73	9.13
Germany Dm	2.89	2.71
Greece Dr	279.50	263.50
Hong Kong $	13.72	12.82
Ireland Pt	1.085	1.015
Italy Lira	2130	2000
Japan Yen	259.75	253.75
Netherlands Gld	3.225	3.045
Norway Kr	11.28	10.58
Portugal Esc	257	241
South Africa Rd	5.45	4.00
Spain Pta	180.50	168.50
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TEMPUS

Sentiment goes against GrandMet

IT IS a sobering thought for Mr Allen Sheppard, chairman of Grand Metropolitan, that his company's shares are more than 20p lower than in March, when aircraft wheels lifted off the Heathrow runway at the start of GrandMet's week-long analysts' trip to the US.

The reference of the pubs-and-breweries swap with Elders IXL to the Monopolies Commission took its toll of stock market sentiment. More recently came a knee-jerk reaction to the "mad cow disease" scare.

GrandMet pulled out some apparently impressive half-year figures yesterday, only to see the price crash 10p, recover a little, and then tumble again, as mad cow disease apparently bit again, to end 13p lower at 574p.

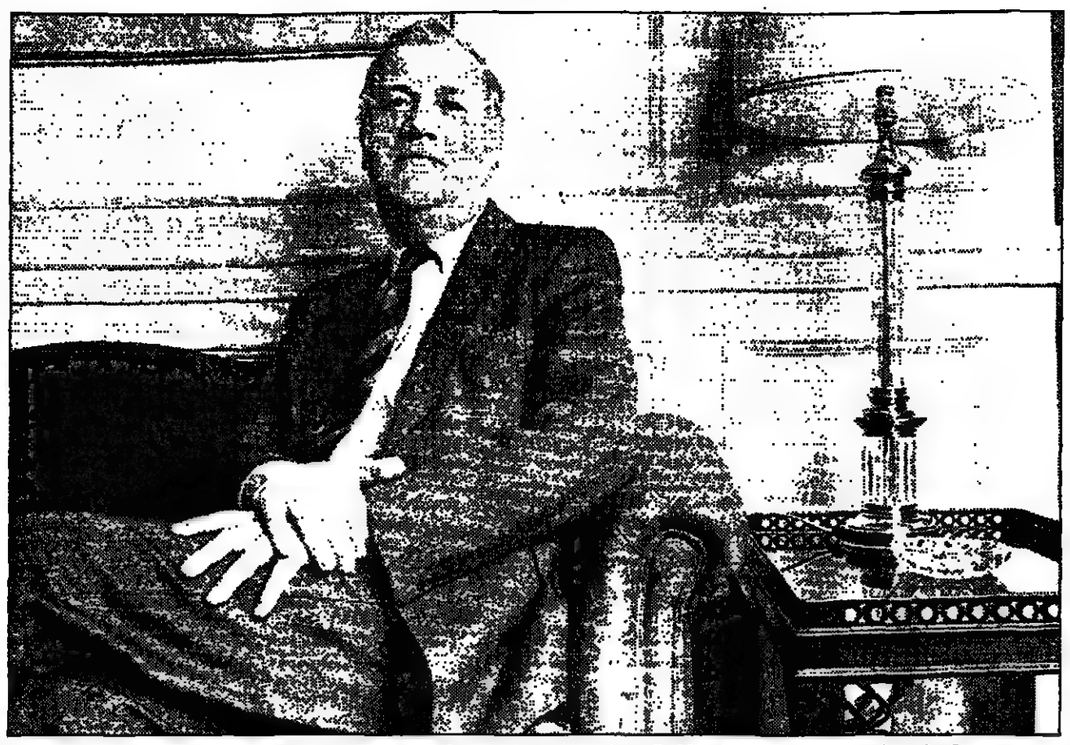
Pre-tax profits of £409 million in the half-year to end-March compare with £301 million last time, coming in at the top end of forcasts and confirming the benefits of the purchase of Pillsbury and its Burger King subsidiary.

The initial fall took note of the £53 million in one-offs, comprising property sales more than doubled to £44 million and a £19 million exceptional profit from the sale of GrandMet's SIS stake, oddly taken above the line and offset by restructuring costs in the UK retail operations. Total one-offs last time were just £19 million.

Gearing at the half-year end was 96 per cent, halved over the previous year and set to fall substantially again after the Alpo disposal and if the Elders deal comes through.

On fundamentals, little has changed for GrandMet since this column picked the shares as one of 1990's top performers. Pre-tax profits in the £930 million area would put them on a multiple of barely 9 times' earnings, while the prospective dividend yield is a touch under 5 per cent.

The shares' performance emphasizes the difficulty Mr Sheppard is having in winning the market around. But another good set of results, or even the successful conclusion of the Elders deal, could do the trick.



Punctured performance: Tony Mitchard, chief executive, argues Avon Rubber is in good shape to face the future

Ultramar

OIL companies, like the insurers, can be heavily exposed to the elements. Ultramar blames bad North Atlantic weather for disrupting its crude oil deliveries, and then found its problems compounded by weak Californian market conditions in the three months ended March 31.

The outcome was a 1990 first quarterly net profit of £18.4 million, compared with a net profit of £32.2 million in the first quarter of 1989, on sales revenues up from £388.8 million to £475 million.

The market was not, however, shaken and the shares were only 1p softer at 340p, though year-end profit estimates have now been shaved.

Foundations for the years ahead continue to be laid. Ultramar's North Sea and US production increased, as has the capacity of its Quebec refinery. An Indonesian production sharing contract has been extended by 20 years.

Ultramar has successfully tested a Markham field appraisal well — the group is operator with a 35 per cent stake, and Markham is its first offshore field to be developed — while downstream, 62 Conoco service stations in California have been acquired.

Margins in the previously depressed Californian market have improved since end-March, so quarter-on-quarter recovery should be evident when interim results are to hand.

Take-over flavour has largely evaporated from the shares now there are no disclosable stakes to keep the market guessing, but Ultramar retains its premium rating.

Year-end net profits estimates of £112 million, shaved from £115 million and compared with £102.2 million achieved in 1989, put the shares on a prospective p/e of 11.1. Meanwhile, the estimate of net worth at around 452p leaves the shares on a 24.8 per cent discount to NAV. Hold.

Avon Rubber

PRE-TAX profits at Avon Rubber, the tyre and automotive component maker, fell by a fifth to £4.84 million in the six months to March, having also fallen by a fifth in the first half of last year.

Perhaps that was only to be expected, given its warnings first in August about poor tyre sales and then in February about the sharp cutback in US car production.

The impact of reductions in defence spending has been less obvious, although just as important. Sales to military customers fell by £2.5 million in the first half, trimming trading profits by £1 million — equivalent to the entire fall in the period. The reduction in profits in the first half of last year was largely due to the absence of large Nato orders for gas masks which had boosted the first half of 1987-88.

The company, led by Mr Tony Mitchard, chief executive, argues that it is now in much better shape to cope with the challenges ahead.

Defence sales have fallen from 17 per cent to 10 per cent of the total, and following the sale last May of its UK tyre distribution business to Sumitomo and the purchase in the following month of Cadillac, the US car parts maker, the proportion of Avon's turnover accounted for by industrial rubber products has risen from 45 to 75 per cent.

This streamlined profile is no doubt what led Trelleborg, a Swedish rubber group, to take a 4.8 per cent stake in January.

Avon is pleased that Cadillac remained in the black despite a 26 per cent fall in US vehicle output in the first half. The state of the American car industry is still a cause for anxiety, but analysts now expect full-year profits to fall by no more than £1 million to about £11 million. That would mean earnings of 31p and put the shares, up 7p at 460p, on a prospective p/e ratio of 15. So even if Trelleborg does have acquisitive intentions, some of the bid premium is already in the price.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Bid to cash certificate prompts Bank alert

THE Bank of England has issued a fresh warning to the financial community to watch out for securities worth £292 million, stolen earlier this month in a world record mugging. The alert, displayed on dealing and information computer screens, followed an unsuccessful attempt to pass one of the stolen certificates of deposit. A Bank spokesman said: "It is clearly essential that people do not relax. With the passage of time, the risk of attempts to make use of the stolen certificates increases."

The Bank gave no further details of the failed bid to use one of the certificates, stolen when a messenger for money broker Sheppards was robbed at knifepoint in a City street on May 2. His assailant took Treasury Bills and certificates of deposit with a face value of £292 million. The Bank also issued a complete list of the serial numbers of the stolen documents.

Warnford up at £6.56m

WARNFORD Investments, the property investors, lifted pre-tax profits from £6.44 million to £6.56 million in the year to December 25. Turnover rose from £9.46 million to £10.8 million. Earnings per share fell from 10.82p to 10.79p. The final dividend is 4p (3.75p), making a total of 6.5p (6p).

Appletree ahead 48%

PRE-TAX profits at Appletree Holdings, the Cambridgeshire food group, advanced by 48 per cent to £1.28 million in the 26 weeks to April 1, on turnover ahead by 15 per cent to £40.9 million. Earnings rose by 65 per cent to 5.63p, while the interim dividend was up 36 per cent to 1.5p.

Amber Day request

AMBER DAY, the fashion retail chain headed by Mr Philip Green, has requested the suspension of its shares, pending a substantial acquisition which will in effect be a full reverse takeover. A firm announcement is expected on Monday.

Two prospects were ruled out. Sources close to Mr Green said he was not interested in Next, the fashion chain, while A Goldberg, the troubled Scottish retailer, said it was not in talks. Other potential targets include the Richards store chain owned by Storehouse and Empire Stores. Also mentioned by observers are Laura Ashley and Etam.

Yorks Water property link

YORKSHIRE Water, the privatized water services group, is forming two joint venture companies with Evans of Leeds, the property group, to develop Yorkshire Water sites with commercial or industrial potential. Six are being appraised. The two groups are also developing a shopping and leisure centre at Morley, South Leeds.

Gieves profits advance 10%

GIEVES Group, the Savile Row tailor to book and magazine publisher, has raised its final dividend to 2.7p, making 4.2p, up 10.5 per cent, following a 10 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £2.92 million in the year to end-January. Turnover rose by 6.4 per cent to £50.7 million and eps from 10.1p to 11.3p.

The Guinness Trial

Call to suspend Saunders 'a bolt from the blue'

A CALL for Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chief, to be suspended while allegations of alleged impropriety over the bid for Distillers were investigated came as a "bolt from the blue", a court heard yesterday.

The suggestion was made after Mr Olivier Roux, the former finance director, wrote to the company, implicating Mr Saunders in improper transactions during the £2.7 billion bid.

And Southwark Crown Court heard that Sir Norman Macfarlane, who led the Guinness non-executive directors committee, believed both Mr Saunders and Mr Roux should be suspended pending an investigation by the company's auditor.

Mr Alan Scrine, the former company secretary, told the jury how the two factions — Mr Saunders with the "old guard" directors, and the new non-executives — were represented at a meeting to discuss Mr Roux's allegations.

Mr Scrine said he took notes and recorded: "Sir Norman said he considered both Mr Saunders and Mr Roux be suspended, pending clarification of an inquiry."

Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, for Mr Saunders, asked: "Was there any suggestion of this before." Mr Scrine replied: "No." Mr Ferguson asked: "Was it a surprise — a bolt from the blue?" Mr Scrine replied: "Yes."

The court heard the following day at another meeting the non-executives again called for the resignation of Mr Saunders as chairman and his suspension as chief executive.

On January 9, Mr Scrine said he and the executive directors met Mr Saunders, who agreed to step aside.

He said Mr Saunders was not notified of a meeting two days later despite remaining a company director.

At a meeting on January 14 Mr Saunders was dismissed after the board saw a report from the auditor outlining "areas of concern."

Mr Saunders, aged 54; Gerald Ronson, head of Heron Corporation, aged 50; Anthony Parnes, a stockbroker, aged 44; and Sir Jack Lyons, the financier, aged 74, variously deny 24 charges including theft, false accounting, and breaches of the Companies Act. The trial continues.

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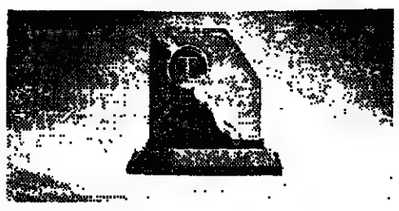

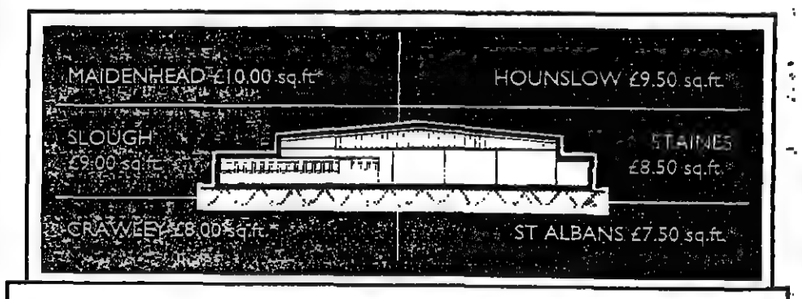

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CU and Sun Alliance fall to losses in first quarter

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

COMMERCIAL Union and Sun Alliance joined the composite insurers making substantial losses in the first quarter of the year, due to the January storms in Britain and on the Continent.

Commercial Union recorded a £25.6 million pre-tax loss for the first three months of 1990 against a £45.1 million profit a year ago.

The storms cost Commercial Union £55 million; less than half gross claims thanks to reinsurance.

Of this, £36.5 million was in the United Kingdom, while £22 million was to reinstate resinsurance protection.

Mr Tony Brend, the chief executive, said that intense competition in Commercial Union's main markets was still keeping premium rates relatively low.

Sun Alliance does not publish quarterly results but said at its annual meeting that it had suffered a substantial pre-tax loss in its first quarter.

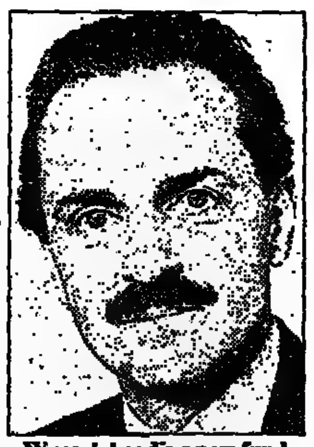
It confirmed that storm losses were £220 million, some £150 million more than usually expected from winter weather.

Sun Alliance had less catastrophe reinsurance protection than other composite insurers.

Commercial Union is taking advantage of a new European Community directive to launch Privilege Portfolio as a Europe-wide unit trust (UCITS) from June 1.

The umbrella fund will enable investments to be made in 18 underlying funds, mainly equities, but including money funds in different currencies, a Spanish bond fund and a "green" fund.

Charges are 5 per cent initially and 1.25 per cent annually on equity funds and 0.5 per cent annually on money funds, though there will be a bonus for those applying in the first six weeks.


Wyand: heading new fund

Holders can choose a managed fund or make up to 10 switches between funds per year by telephone free themselves.

Mr Tony Wyand, the Commercial Union director who heads the new fund, said the Privilege Portfolio was planned as the group's first pan-European product.

Initially, however, it will be launched in the UK, France and Spain.

CU hopes to gain permission to sell in Italy soon, and has also applied for licences to sell in Belgium and the Netherlands.

Legislation to facilitate UCITS is not yet in place in some European countries and will not reach Greece and Portugal before 1991.

Initial charges will also vary according to the market, with 3 per cent being charged in Spain, against 5 per cent in Britain.

But charges will be waived for units bought through intermediaries charging their clients fees rather than claiming commissions, and individuals may be able to claim they are acting as agents.

Greenall likely to trim its workforce

By Jeremy Andrews

GREENALL Whitley, which sold its Vladivar vodka business to American Brands last month, is likely to slim the workforce at its Warrington brewery before the end of the year because of falling beer sales.

The company, whose managing director is Mr Andrew Thomas, is also set to announce redundancies at its remaining distribution depot in Birmingham after the closure of the former Davenports brewery last year.

The news accompanied Greenall's results for the six months to March, during which turnover rose 4 per cent to £243 million and trading profits from brewing and pubs increased 6 per cent to £16.4 million. However, most of Greenall's other businesses fared better, leaving pre-tax profits 22 per cent higher at £23.7 million and fully-diluted earnings per share 26 per cent ahead at 12.6p. The interim dividend rises 21 per cent from 3.3p to 4p.

Trading profits at Greenall's hotels rose 24 per cent to £8.43 million. Occupancy rates are holding up, but losses at its US hotels rose from £280,000 to £347,000. Greenall has closed its US head office and hopes to sell the US chain, valued at £35 million.

JAMES MORGAN

Half-year results ahead: Andrew Thomas at one of Greenall's hotels yesterday

Rolls will help in Russian jet plan

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aero-engine manufacturer which helped to power Concorde, is to inject its expertise in advanced jet engine design into a Russian plan to produce a supersonic business jet aircraft.

The Russians want to have what would probably be an eight-seater executive jet ready to fly by about the end of the century to woo big companies wanting to whisk their top people around the world at the greatest possible speeds.

The Russian-led work on the supersonic business jet could put the project ahead of the game in a new era of business travel — if it gets the go-ahead.

Gulfstream Aerospace of the US is already in a joint venture with the Russians, working on the airframe for the new jet.

Defence considerations mean that approval will be needed from the governments of the US, Britain and Russia.

Rolls-Royce has signed an agreement in Moscow which will allow initial design assessments for the engine to be made, working with Russia's Lyulka Engine Design Bureau.

This work will take a year and the first meetings, with a Russian team flying over, are expected next week at the Derby headquarters of Rolls-Royce.

Part of the work will be deciding what the likely markets may be for such an aircraft by the year 2000. It could either be a two or three-engined aircraft and would probably need a minimum range of 4,000 nautical miles.

Engines of anything between about 13,000lb and 20,000lb thrust seem likely and whether existing engines at Rolls-Royce or Lyulka, or a combination, could be developed will be established. But an entirely new design is also a possibility, together with a new airframe.

A decision on whether to go ahead with the jet will be made at the end of the 12 months. Sukhoi, the Russian aircraft maker, will be the manufacturer.

Rolls-Royce and France's Snecma are the only manufacturers to have produced engines for supersonic travel in civil passenger use. The are already looking at a new generation of supersonic engines of the size which would be needed to power a Concorde replacement.

COMMENT

Scots feel the cutting edge of British Steel

Unless one read the full text, through to the end, of the British Steel announcement on the Stock Exchange Topic screen yesterday, the decision to close a chunk of the Ravenscraig steelworks might have been overlooked. The announcement was headed "British Steel. Installation of new machinery" (I lie, in fact it was *instalation* of new machinery, but the spelling error is more likely to have been Topic's than British Steel's). Unlike the Miss World competition, the winners were announced first: Llanwern is to get a new continuous casting machine installed at a cost of £83 million. Ravenscraig is to get the sticky end of the paintbrush, and 770 jobs are to go.

The announcement brought the number of jobs lost in steel to nearly 2,000 so far this week, and came as little surprise either in Scotland or in the City. The sword has been hanging by the thread for years, and the best that Ravenscraig can reasonably expect is that British Steel will honour its pledge to keep steelmaking alive at the plant until 1994. Even that is hedged with caveats about market conditions, and after that, British Steel is more likely to opt for the £100 million a year of cost savings from closure than for the comfort of keeping Ravenscraig alive, unless demand is by then particularly buoyant.

At present, the omens are not good at all. Domestic demand is running 10 per cent or more below that of a year ago, and the continental European market is being hit from many directions at once: the Chinese have virtually stopped buying and the Soviet Union stopped paying; Brazil is seeking to expand exports to generate hard currency and Korea is trying to make sure its two new integrated steelworks are kept busy. Imports are arriving by the shipload, exports more difficult.

None of these pressures is likely to ease in the immediate future, but by the same token none seems so serious or boiler-bursting as to dent British Steel's continental ambitions. It is deeply into negotiations to acquire the Troisdorf arm of the German group Klöckner-Werke, and slightly less far along the road towards the purchase of the Spanish company Aristrain. Both are specialists in construction steel, which is enjoying a boom but which is likely to boil over unless the world-wide real estate recession is unprecedentedly short. British Steel has already established distribution in Europe, but has been wary of pumping too much of its own product through the pipeline for fear of retaliation on its British doorstep.

Meanwhile, the domestic downturn is hitting profits. For the year to March 1990, the group is set to announce profits of some £725 million, but for the current year the figure is likely to sink to nearer £550 million, pulling earnings per share down from more than 28p to about 20p. The costs of the Ravenscraig cutbacks can be provided for out of the 1989-90 results, which will help future comparisons, but the cost savings will take time to come through.

The shares, meanwhile, are beginning to believe that the company has shaken off its nationalized industry mentality. While the price/earnings ratings of 6 and 7.25 respectively for 1990 and 1991 hardly reflect a glamour image, they are gradually creeping closer to the kind of ratings enjoyed by steel producers elsewhere in the world. Provided the company can continue to add value to the commodity product, either through acquiring the means of distribution as in the C Walker deal, which recently came out smiling from a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation, or by finishing the product, the trend looks set to continue.

Dan-Air flies realistic route

Second-line independent airlines are a fragile breed, especially when exposed to the shrinking package holidays market. So the owner of Dan-Air — Davies & Newman — is being no more than realistic in looking at the possibility of co-operating with a bigger player or even accepting a takeover.

Davies & Newman turned in a pre-tax loss of £3.34 million for last year as it found itself sandwiched between rising costs on the one hand and the slump in demand for package holidays on the other. Smaller airlines have already started to crash, most recently British Island Airways. Thomson's Britannia airline — market leader in charter — is cutting back hard. Dan-Air is the second largest operator in the charter market with 4.5 million seats sold last year. It also sold 1.8 million seats on its short-haul scheduled services.

Dan-Air appears to have been talking to at least one major European airline, with speculation hovering over Air France and Lufthansa. There is also interest from across the Atlantic.

A European competitor might be expected to take a substantial stake in Dan-Air on the lines of the SAS 25 per cent stake in British Midland or KLM's 15 per cent in Air UK. But for a well-heeled transatlantic operator — say American Airlines — Dan-Air might well be an attractive bid target with its strong hubs in Gatwick and Manchester, plus the developing one in Berlin as Dan-Air reaches out into Eastern Europe.

David Brewerton

Shortfall of £2.8m revealed at Bekhor

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

AJ BEKHOR, the private client stockbroker, has gone into receivership with an estimated £2.8 million shortfall in funds. The receivers may now pursue the company's shareholders to try to recover the money.

The receivers were called in at Bekhor earlier this month, after it was put in liquidation in late April.

The firm, once one of Britain's largest stockbrokers with 60,000 clients, stopped trading six months ago, when most of its staff and customers were transferred to Brewin Dolphin.

Unusually the company was unlimited, which means its shareholders are ultimately responsible for its debts, which include an unsecured £500,000 claim from the Inland Revenue. The main shareholders were, however, Bekhor's associated companies, some of which may also go into liquidation.

The receivers are likely to trace Bekhor's ultimate owners to see if they can receiver any money from them.

These are believed to include Jonathon Bekhor, now believed to be in San Diego, California.

"This is something that will take a lot of unravelling," said one of the liquidators.

Bekhor's problems stemmed from the worldwide stock market crash in October 1987, when it met losses of more than £5 million from traded options dealings.

Following that Bekhor suffered from being undercapitalized and the burden of maintaining an expensive branch network.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Signs of dirty dealing

STOCKBROKERS at Cazenove and James Capel wear the most sombre suits in the City, and, surprisingly for such a conservative profession, lawyers at Clifford Chance and Linklaters & Paines wear the flashiest, with, horror of horrors, an increasing number of Prince of Wales checks cropping up. So says William Holt, who, together with Jeremy Wayne, aged 31, runs the City laundry and dry cleaning service Shirt Point. As well as washing 4,000 City shirts a week, they clean 250 suits. "About 60 per cent of them are tailor-made — very smart and very expensive," says Holt, aged 24. Even though the average City gent is apparently cleaner than more ordinary mortals — each of his eight suits is cleaned once a month, notching up a monthly bill of about £80 — if he is a broker employed on an open-plan dealing floor the experts can tell at a glance. "Their suits are always particularly filthy — they always stink of cigarette smoke," says Wayne. And when it comes to ties, Holt confirms that Hermès really is *de rigueur* in the Square Mile. "Every other tie we get sent is a Hermès — it's quite staggering," he observes. But presumably, to the average City gent, any other brand would be regarded as disposable.

Squeaky clean-up

THE patter of tiny feet can, I'm told, be heard night and day in the offices of James Capel. But the noises have nothing to do with salesmen eager to follow former chief executive Peter Quinnen to pastures new. The firm has, in fact, been invaded by a plague of mice, escaping from building sites behind its plush Bevis Marks offices — and they appear to be in no hurry to leave. Jim Ford, who looks after office services for the firm, has been given the difficult task of keeping the invaders in check. "Some girls have seen the mice running along the ceilings," explains Ford, who tells me that he has been putting down poisoned bait in an effort to catch the intruders. "Every now and then we see a mouse on wobbly legs walking round the floors — a bit like one of the traders, really."

Crunch for yuppies

PETER Rawlins, chief executive of the Stock Exchange, has officially killed off the yuppie, declaring that we should now all be looking for the "crispy" — "the creative industrious securities professional, who is going to make sure that London stays prominent in securities ...". He was speaking as he and John Kemp-Welch, joint senior partner of Cazenove, handed out awards to the two best performers — and thus top crispies — in the Securities Industry Examinations and diploma, Russel Hogan, from Scottish Equitable Life Assurance, and Khuat Choong, from BZW Singapore.

"We shall now have a five-minute period of consolidation."

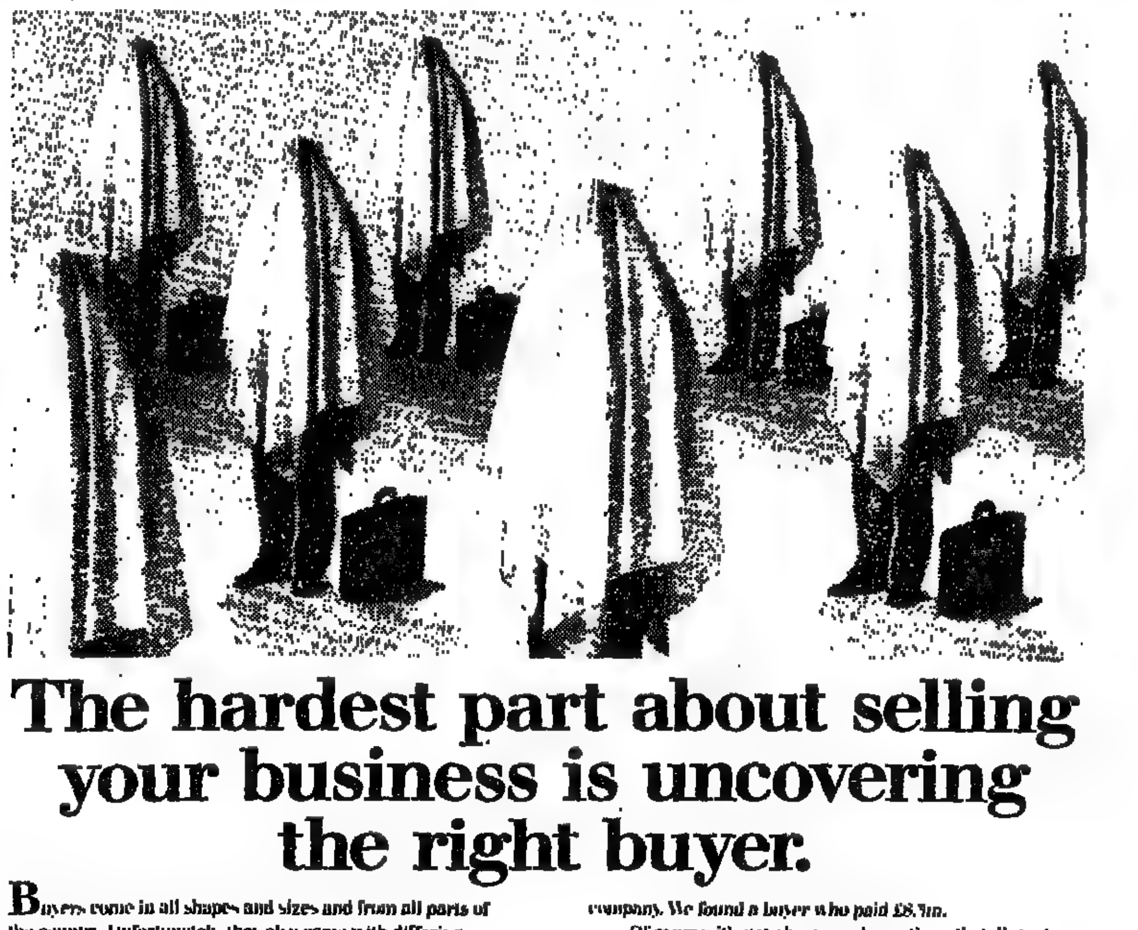
Part-time Prof

ECONOMIST Tim Congdon, often described as "the last monetarist in the City," who left Shearson Lehman where he was chief UK economist a year ago to become an adviser to Gerrard & National, the discount house, has now been dubbed "The Prof". For Congdon, aged 39, who began his economic career as a journalist on *The Times* — recruited by Peter Jay, now head of BBC Television's business unit — has just been made an honorary professor at Cardiff Business School and will be spending one day a week there during term time, lecturing on monetary economics. "I might not seem like an obvious choice," the successful grammar school boy admits, "but I have done a lot of academic work which has been influential in the formation of economic policy." While at Gerrard & National he has, during the past six months, established Lombard Street Research, which he says, "provides economic research to financial institutions, particularly information relevant to interest rate decisions." Congdon owns 49 per cent of this joint venture, with Gerrard & National holding the balance.

Chateau detour

THE extent and variety of the private investments of people who work in the Square Mile were amply illustrated when Low & Bonar, the Dundee-based packaging company, chartered two helicopters to take 15 or so analysts and corporate financiers from Battersea to Leominster, Herefordshire, on Tuesday. The aim of the trip was to show them the factory where Low & Bonar manufactures Silotite, the black plastic sheeting used by farmers to cover straw bales. But en route they first had to circle over the Barnes home of Mike Anderson, a paper and packaging analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, so that he could see whether the plumber had arrived, and then the Herefordshire vineyard — Broadfield Court — owned by Duncan Clegg, from Lazards. "He took aerial photographs of the house and vineyard," says one of the hosts. But Low & Bonar had the last laugh. It gave out bottles of Clegg's wine — Bodenham Reichensteiner, relabelled Chateau Lazard — to each visitor and then handed Clegg an invoice, which he graciously agreed to reimburse.

Carol Leonard



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No place for Hoskyns as CGS looks at UK growth

From Melinda Wittstock, Paris

CAP Gemini Sogeti, Europe's largest software services and information technology group, has ruled out a bid for Hoskyns, the British computer group which had been seen as a likely target.

But the fast-growing Paris company, which is anxious to expand its activities in Britain and has built up a hostile 22.6 per cent stake in SEMA, Britain's largest computer services company, confirmed however that it is looking closely at a number of other UK software houses.

CGS, which operates in 12 European countries and the US, has also been tipped as a likely bidder for SD-Scicon and Logica.

With Fr2 billion cash (£214 million) in the balance sheet and another Fr2 billion to Fr3 billion borrowing facilities in place, CGS said it could spend between Fr4 billion and Fr5 billion on acquisitions (compared with the Fr3 billion spent in the past five years).

But M Serge Kamps, CGS's founder and chairman, who is "scrutinizing all competitors for acquisition opportunities," said Hoskyns did not fit with the groups "seven golden rules about acquisitions."

He said a company must be engaged in the same or similar business — "and that rules out Hoskyns."

M Kamps, who owns 55 per cent of CGS, which is quoted on the Paris Bourse, also ruled out hostile bids.

He said CGS is interested in both large and medium-sized houses which are profitable, well-respected, share a business culture of "honesty, openness and loyalty" and come equipped with either strong management or management that can be easily replaced.

But CGS will take a "long, hard, critical look" at what is available to ensure that there are no *cadavres*, or skeletons, in the closet. Any British target must have audited accounts and must not be engaged in any "risky ventures."

M Kamps said: "These criteria eliminate a high proportion of British computer companies that we have negotiated with. The situation in the UK is not that stable; we are in no hurry to build a large UK presence at any price."

But Mr John Marsh, managing director of the CGS UK subsidiary, a small software house providing command control systems for emergency services, said it will take just two to three years before CGS moves up from about 80th place in the British market to third or fourth.

CGS (UK) plans to expand beyond emergency services into the financial, manufacturing and patient care areas, mainly through acquisitions, although organic growth will figure largely. Joint ventures are also a possibility.

Mr Marsh, formerly with Control Data, said the subsidiary, which boasted 32.5 per cent growth in 1989, will profit from increasing demand for new IT integration systems, as well as advanced IT software.

CGS is now able to supply fire-fighters with vital computerized information about buildings containing flammable chemicals that can be utilized in the fire engine cab on the way to the incident.

CGS, which last month announced a 30.3 per cent rise in net profits to Fr525 million on turnover up 21.3 per cent to Fr7.06 billion, has forecast revenues of Fr8.5 billion, with net profit to "increase proportionally."

Order books, as of April 30, reached Fr4.8 billion, 24 per cent up on last year.

In 1989, margins were up from 6.9 per cent to 7.4 per cent, with earnings per share up from Fr16.01 to Fr20.77. CGS is paying a dividend of Fr6 per share.

M Kamps would not comment on the likelihood of a bid for SEMA.

Blue Circle in £93m Danish venture

By Our City Staff

BLUE Circle Industries is buying 50 per cent of Aalborg Portland Cement's cement business for 980 million Danish kroner (£93 million) cash. Aalborg Portland is Denmark's only cement maker.

The purchase includes Aalborg's related interests in aggregrates, pulverized fuel ash and fuel trading, plus a 20 per cent shareholding in the Lehigh White Cement Co in the United States. But it does not include Aalborg Portland's interests in the companies Dansk Eternit Faerdigbeton Aalborg, Faxe Kalk, HKT and Spaendbeton.

Aalborg will transfer its cement business to a new company in which Aalborg and Blue Circle will each hold 50 per cent.

The cement business had pre-tax profits of 80 million kroner in calendar 1989 and net assets of 893 million kroner. It sold 1.3 million tonnes of grey cement in Denmark in 1989.

Blue Circle said the purchase fits its strategy of extending its cement and related activities to the Continent.

It said the business is expected to increase sales in the Danish market this year and the joint venture has the opportunity "significantly to increase capacity utilization and profits in the export market for both grey and white cements."

Blue Circle shares advanced 8p to 218p.

Baris surges to £1.64m

Buoyant: Robert Smith, right, and Bernard Atkinson of Baris, whose profits rose 137%

STRONG organic growth helped Baris Holdings to pretax profits of £1.64 million — a 137 per cent surge — in the year to end-February (Philip Pangalos writes).

Turnover at Baris, the fire protection and dry lining specialist that came to the USM last November, advanced by 109 per cent to £11.1 million. Earnings per share jumped by 136 per cent to 16.3p. There is a first and final dividend of 3.75p.

Mr Robert Smith, chairman, said prospects for the coming year were excellent. He said: "The areas we are working in are very bouyant, and we expect them to stay that way."

Mr Smith, who is co-founder and joint managing director with Mr Bernard Atkinson, added that the order book, which stood at about £10 million — compared with £2.5 million before — was strong, and the number and value of inquiries had never been higher.

The value of outstanding inquiries has increased from £29 million, at the time of the flotation, to £40 million.

Damages against Smith & Nephew may reach $125m

From Philip Robinson, Los Angeles

DAMAGES against Smith & Nephew, the pharmaceutical group, could rise to almost $125 million following a California court ruling.

The court found that the company's US offshoot committed fraud, acted in bad faith and attempted to misappropriate trade secrets without paying for them.

The court was considering last night whether to double a $12.5 million portion of the damages already awarded against Smith & Nephew Richards and then add $10 million in interest to the bill.

The decision is unlikely to be known for about a fortnight. A jury has already awarded $102 million damages to Polteco, the private research company owned by Dr A E Zachariades, an American chemist who invented a compound for false joints.

Polteco began legal action against Smith & Nephew Richards on January 4, 1988, for taking his compound and using it without paying him in artificial knee and hip joints.

After a seven-week case, the jury found that Smith & Nephew Richards had fraudulently entered into a licence agreement with Polteco to keep the new technology away from competitors; that as one of America's leading orthopaedic product makers it had misappropriated Polteco's technology without paying for it; and had acted in bad faith by repudiating its obligations under a contract.

Smith & Nephew said it will appeal and that it does not use, and never has used, any of the Polteco technology, which gives 10 times more wear in artificial joints. No formal appeal has yet been lodged.

Mr David Henderson, of Brown & Bain, attorney for Polteco, said Smith & Nephew Richards had been using the Polteco compound since 1988.

He claimed Smith & Nephew Richards' technicians deliberately found fault with it to avoid paying.

"Two independent laboratories gave evidence that the compound met the standards which Polteco and Smith & Nephew Richards had first set.

"They just wanted to keep that technology away from their competitors," said Mr Henderson.

Polteco has now licensed the compound to Zimmer, another orthopaedic products maker which will incorporate it in artificial joints in 1992.

Lawyers for the compound's inventor are to seek an injunction seeking to recall all Smith & Nephew Richards' products containing the compound which have not already been used.

It is unclear how the case will affect Smith & Nephew's American earnings. Mr Henderson said the company's 1989 results had singled out the performance of its surgical products group, saying the orthopaedic division — whose Genesis Knees and Opti-fix hips use the compound — rose 37 per cent.

Inchcape buys into US environment market

By Our City Staff

INCHCAPE, the international services and marketing group, is paying $12 million for control of two leading environmental testing companies in Louisiana and Texas.

It is buying West-Paine, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, outright and 60 per cent of NDRC, which has operations in Dallas and Houston, with options to buy the balance in 1993 and 1995.

The two companies had a combined turnover of $9 million in 1989. Describing the acquisitions as "strategically very important investments," Sir George Turnbull, the chairman and chief executive of Inchcape, said the large and rapidly expanding environmental testing market offered significant opportunities to the group in North America.

Sir George added that Texas and Louisiana had become key states in the development of environmental testing because of their heavy industrialization and the increasing pressure from state environmental bodies.

SUNALLIANCE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The First Annual General Meeting of Sun Alliance Group plc was held yesterday at the Head Office of the Company in Bartholomew Lane, London, E.C.2.

Mr. H. U. A. Lambert, the Chairman, said –

It is not the Group's practice to publish quarterly results, but I shall provide a brief outline of our estimated results to 31st March.

Market conditions in the U.K. continue to be highly competitive and the rate of growth in premium income has fallen for most personal and commercial lines.

Overseas results have also been affected by severe weather losses and strong competition.

We have already signalled that despite reinsurance protection, the aggregate losses in the U.K. from the hurricane on 25th January and subsequent heavy storms are estimated at £220m. These losses are £150m higher than we would normally expect from winter weather and have inevitably led to a substantial overall pre-tax loss in the quarter.

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"We have continued to grow in our main business activities . . ."

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Comments by Sir George Turnbull, Chairman & Chief Executive. If you would like a copy of his full statement, contained in our 1989 Report and Accounts, please write to Diana Le Lievre, Inchcape plc, St. James's House, 23 King Street, London SW1Y 6QY.

Mrs Fields in licence agreement

MRS FIELDS, the US biscuit maker, has arranged a licence agreement giving La Petite Boulangerie the right to sell Mrs Fields products and to relaunch most of its 104 stores as Mrs Fields Bakeries.

LPB, owned by Denis and Randall Fields, private company, Mrs Fields Holdings, which in turn owns 80 per cent of the public company, will pay royalties of 8 per cent on annual sales of Mrs Fields products in converted stores and 6.5 per cent in unconverted stores.

Mrs Fields has an option to buy LPB under an option agreement expiring in 1996. Shares in Mrs Fields closed up 1½p at 30½p.

Mrs Fields has also arranged a 40-year licence agreement giving Riverview Software the right to develop and market ROI, a store information management system used and owned by Mrs Fields.

Baggeridge falls

The house-building recession took its toll on Baggeridge Brick, the West Midlands brick manufacturer, with the group reporting pre-tax profits down from £4.15 million to £2.58 million in the six months to end-March on turnover down from £16.4 million to £15.9 million. Earnings per share fell from 6.91p to 4.25p, but the interim dividend is maintained at 0.75p

Farmers ahead

Associated Farmers, the agricultural business which came to the Third Market last year, lifted pre-tax profits from £56,000 to £47,000 in the year to end-November. Turnover climbed from £339,000 to £437,000. Earnings per share rise from 1.56p to 1.61p. There was an extraordinary profit of £185,000. There is no dividend

Film division up

The Rank Organisation's film and television services division made trading profits of £38 million in 1989, a near-50 per cent increase. Turnover was 72 per cent higher at £351 million

EC delay poses threat 'to recovery in Hungary'

From Wolfgang Münchau, Budapest

HUNGARY'S new Prime Minister, Mr Jozsef Antall, has warned that his country's economic recovery would be jeopardized if the European Community continued to drag its feet over Hungarian membership of the EC.

His comments are an implicit criticism of M Jacques Delors, the EC Commission President, who recently said that no new members were likely to join the Community before the end of the decade.

Mr Antall, who takes office shortly, said he hoped Hungary would become a full member of the EC by 1995, and an associate member shortly after 1992. He added that Hungary would fully support moves towards political union.

Speaking at a parliamentary conference on economic reform in Europe, he said: "Europe itself is at a stage where she has to re-think her politics, to widen her borders and to consider how to integrate political democracies which do not have the same homogenous structure."

Mr Antall pledged to press ahead with a privatization programme that would aim to reduce the Hungarian state's share of property ownership from 90 per cent to about 25 per cent. Advisers have been recruited from Britain.

Hungary will continue to repay its $20 billion debt. However, Mr Antall said economic reform, although necessary, was not enough to achieve the desired results. Hungary needed more economic assistance to achieve a fast transition to a free-market economy.

About 1,100 joint ventures with Western companies have been formed — 30 per cent from West Germany, 29 per cent from Austria, and only 6 per cent from Britain.

M Michel Camdessus, director-general of the International Monetary Fund, said Western countries and institutions should open up their markets to Eastern European imports, facilitate the transfer of technology and help finance the modernization of Eastern Europe's infrastructure.

But he also urged Eastern European countries to adopt much tougher monetary measures. "It is not in the least irrelevant for central banks to be established, which are sufficiently independent to be able to enforce a monetary policy that will enable the market to function smoothly and be able to control the banking system," M Camdessus said.

Open markets plea: Michel Camdessus of the IMF

Leucadia makes 'final' 275p offer for Molins

By Colin Campbell

LEUCADIA has formally raised its takeover offer for Molins from 252p to 275p a share, and declared that the offer is "final" unless a competitive bidder appears.

The New York group had earlier sounded out institutional shareholders in the hope of securing indications that a 275p price would be acceptable, and yesterday said it had bought 1.63 million Molins shares in the market — equivalent to 5.4 per cent — at 275p.

Under takeover rules, Leucadia was obliged to make a similar offer to other shareholders.

Molins shares climbed 6p to 275p, and the company's board have told shareholders not to accept a "totally inadequate" offer.

Leucadia now has 40.1 per cent of Molins, and said its offer remains open until 1pm on May 30.

Leucadia added that Molins' accusations of "covert manoeuvring" are completely unfounded.

Building slump forces Diploma below £9m

By Philip Pangalos

PRE-TAX profits at DIPLOMA, the electronic components and building supplies group that gave warning of poor trading conditions at the end of last year, slipped from £9.8 million to £8.9 million in the six months to end-March despite a rise in turnover from £68.7 million to £72.3 million.

Earnings per share fell from 11.2p to 9.8p, although the interim dividend is maintained at 2.25p.

Mr Christopher Thomas, the chairman, said that despite a fall in profitability, the results may be viewed as reasonably satisfactory. He said two of the three core activities, particularly building supplies, are operating under difficult conditions.

Mr Thomas said he is reasonably optimistic about the outcome for the remainder of the year. Mr Patrick Wellington at County NatWest is looking for pre-tax profits of £18.2 million (£19.3 million) for the full year. The shares rose 7p to 185p.

Shares in Japanese bank are suspended

Tokyo

SHARES in the Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan were suspended yesterday after its share price surged by 10 per cent before its announcement of a proposed 10-for-1 share split.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange suspended trading in the morning.

The share price jumped from Y19,500 to Y21,500 (£84.90) on Tuesday in an unusually high turnover of 116,900 shares, about six times the average daily volume of the previous two weeks.

The decision by the Tokyo Stock Exchange to suspend the bank's shares was taken at its own discretion, a bank official said.

The bank informed the TSE of the proposed share split shortly before trading began yesterday, the official said.

The decision to suspend came 45 minutes after trading opened and was later upheld after the bank's directors approved the proposal at a board meeting shortly before noon.

The share split, announced after the close of trading, is to take effect on August 11.

Under the plan, which has to be approved at a shareholders' meeting, the face value of the stock will be reduced from Y500 to Y50, giving shareholders 10 new shares for every old share.

The TSE would not comment on the reports of an investigation.

An official said: "We have not said whether we are investigating the matter or not. As far as we are concerned, the company has made its announcement."

An official at the finance ministry's securities bureau said it was aware of the case, but had not yet received any notification from the TSE seeking its assistance in investigating the matter.

Long-Term Credit Bank is the second largest of Japan's three long-term credit banks, with more than £96 billion in total assets. (AFP)

Data fuel fears of US property crisis

From John Durie, New York

THE looming crisis in the US property sector has been underlined with the release of April figures showing the lowest level of new home starts since the 1982 recession.

The number of housing starts fell 5.8 per cent in April, after an 11.2 per cent fall in March and a 5.1 per cent decline in February.

The April figures work out at an annualized rate of 1.2 million homes being built this year, after 1.37 million last year and 1.5 million in 1988.

Combined with the average overcapacity in US commercial property of 20 per cent, the figures are expected to result in a cutback in bank lending to the housing sector.

Mr Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, and other bank regulators recently met US bank chiefs to persuade them to maintain existing lending to avoid a credit crunch in the US.

However, there was better news on inflation, with the April figure showing a modest 0.2 per cent rise in the consumer prices index, bringing the year-on-year inflation rate down to 4.7 per cent, against a previous 5.3 per cent. For the first four months of this year, US inflation ran at an annualized rate of 6.8 per cent, well above Fed estimates of 4 to 4.5 per cent 1990 inflation.

The latter is a juggling act which Mr Greenspan is aiming to achieve this year, but expectations were that yesterday's Federal Open Market Committee meeting would leave the Federal Funds rate at about the 8.25 per cent level.

WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	736.2	0.0	−12.7	0.1	−8.1	−0.5	−9.2
(free)	140.6	0.0	−12.8	0.0	−8.2	−0.5	−9.3
EAFE	1297.8	−0.1	−16.7	0.0	−12.1	−0.6	−13.3
(free)	133.2	−0.1	−17.0	−0.2	−12.3	−0.6	−13.6
Europe	740.2	0.4	−2.7	0.2	−3.0	−0.1	1.2
(free)	159.1	0.4	−2.7	−0.1	−3.1	0.0	1.3
Nth America	512.7	0.2	−4.7	−0.3	−0.7	−0.2	−0.8
Nordic	1540.3	−0.3	−1.0	−0.7	−0.4	−0.8	3.0
(free)	243.5	−0.2	3.5	−0.6	3.9	−0.7	7.7
Pacific	2991.2	−0.5	−24.6	−0.2	−17.4	−1.0	−21.5
Far East	4343.4	−0.5	−24.9	−0.2	−17.7	−1.0	−21.9
Australia	296.0	−0.6	−14.8	−0.9	−8.4	−1.1	−11.3
Austria	1880.0	−0.3	26.5	−0.7	28.1	−0.8	31.7
Belgium	921.9	0.6	−6.4	0.0	−6.8	0.1	−2.5
Canada	501.4	−0.4	−16.5	−1.3	−11.8	−0.9	−13.1
Denmark	1310.3	0.4	−0.5	0.0	−1.0	−0.1	3.6
Finland	97.1	0.3	−15.8	0.0	−15.6	−0.2	−12.3
(free)	140.4	−0.2	−5.8	−0.5	−5.6	−0.6	−1.9
France	826.9	0.4	2.3	0.0	2.1	−0.1	5.4
Germany	941.2	0.4	2.6	−0.1	3.8	−0.1	5.7
Hong Kong	2241.0	−0.2	1.0	−0.7	4.9	−0.7	5.1
Italy	389.6	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.1	5.2
Japan	4581.5	−0.5	−25.7	−0.1	−18.3	−1.0	−22.7
Netherlands	893.3	0.7	−5.5	0.3	−4.8	0.2	−1.7
New Zealand	85.5	−0.4	−17.0	−1.1	−10.5	−0.9	−13.6
Norway	1585.8	0.0	18.1	−0.3	19.4	−0.5	22.9
(free)	275.8	−0.1	18.1	−0.4	19.3	−0.6	22.9
Sing/Malay	1923.0	−0.5	−3.6	−0.7	−2.1	−0.9	0.3
Spain	224.7	0.5	−5.1	0.1	−7.0	0.0	−1.2
Sweden	1703.5	−0.8	−2.9	−1.1	−1.9	−1.2	1.1
(free)	245.7	−0.8	1.5	−1.2	2.5	−1.3	5.8
Switzerland	933.6	0.2	2.1	0.3	−3.4	−0.2	6.2
(free)	141.6	0.2	1.5	0.2	−4.0	−0.3	5.6
UK	658.6	0.5	−8.7	0.5	−8.7	0.1	−4.9
USA	465.4	0.3	−3.7	−0.2	0.2	−0.2	0.2

(lc)* Local currency. Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

ABI Leisure (125p)	115 +2
ADG Group (14p)	17
Abtrust New Euro (100p)	97 +2
Amercoeur	125
Argos Plc	195 +2
Beta Global Emerg (100p)	91 +1
Blopian Hldgs	22 +1
Buckingham Nw	82 −1
Cahill May Nw (55p)	58
Castle Calm (50p)	45
Courtaulds Textiles	259 −2
Dakota Gp Nw	41 −1
Dartmoor Inv Tst (100p)	56 +1
F&C German	124
First Ireland (100p)	50 +1
Fleming Euro IT	97 +1
French Prop Tst	63
German IT	91
Henderson Highland (100p)	95
Invergordon	133
Malaysia Capital	58½
Mrtn Currie Euro (100p)	110 −1
Midland Radio	130 +1
Novalal (100p)	105 +2
Nthn Investors	203
OS Hldgs (100p)	108
Siam Select (100p)	98
Torday & Carlisle (155p)	148 +3
Venturi Inv Tst	10
Wiltshire Brew (70p)	61

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ASB Barnett N/P	6
Ald Irish np	45
Amercoeur N/P	½
Clinton Cards N/P	11 −5
Harrison N/P	12 −2
Jupiter N/P	
Mid & Scot N/P	3 −3
PWS Hldgs N/P	10
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☆ Good growth in life profits to £26.0m (1989 £21.1m).

☆ Non-life markets remain competitive.

☆ Shareholders' funds £1,572m with net assets per share of 368p.

HIGHLIGHTS

	3 months 1990 Unaudited	3 months 1989 Unaudited
Total premium income	£1,050.9m	£901.8m
Operating result before taxation	(£25.6m)	£45.1m
Operating result after taxation	(£20.0m)	£25.9m
Earnings per share	(4.7p)	6.1p

ASSURANCE

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LONDON & ASSOCIATED INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

Year to 31 December 1989

Highlights from Annual Review of Chairman, Michael Heller

- Shareholders' funds have increased to £21 million. The prime objective in the management of the Group is to achieve capital growth
- Net asset value per share 50.6p (37.1p)
- Pre-tax profits have increased to £841,000 – as before there are no property dealing profits and all interest charges have been written off to Profit & Loss Account – all borrowings are very long term at fixed rates of interest
- Current annual rental income from the shop portfolio is approaching £3 million – the Group has more than 350 shops, 70% of which are freehold and the balance long leasehold
- Dividend increased by 15%
- Bisichi Mining PLC (38% owned associate) shareholders' funds are now in excess of £5 million – has increased its direct gold mining investments in South Africa and now owns 40% of South Murchison Consolidated Mines Ltd, which is listed on the South African Stock Exchange – also participates in direct gold mining in Western Australia and Utah (USA)

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NESTLÉ S.A.

Notice to shareholders and holders of participation certificates

Nestlé S.A., Cham and Vevey (Switzerland)

Withdrawal of the proposed capital increase

The proposals of the Board of Directors concerning items 5 and 6 of the agenda of the General Meeting of May 31, 1990, stated that the capital increase proposed under item 5 of the agenda was subject to the stock market conditions being favourable.

This capital increase from Fr. 346 500 000.— to Fr. 364 875 000.—, by means of a rights issue with a ratio of one new registered share for every twenty existing shares or one hundred participation certificates, respectively, was destined to further improve the financial structure of the company and to meet possible future needs.

In the meantime, the stock market situation has deteriorated to a point where this capital increase is no longer justified. The Board therefore deems it appropriate to withdraw its proposal regarding the capital increase and has modified the agenda for the General Meeting of May 31, 1990, accordingly: item 5 (capital increase) and the amendment of article 5 of the articles of association under item 6 of the agenda are being deleted.

Cham and Vevey, May 7, 1990 — The Board of Directors

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WALL STREET

Modest gain for Dow

New York

THE Dow Jones industrial average was up by 2 points at 2,824.45 in early trading. Share prices were slightly firmer after a soft opening.

Analysts said investors were reacting to a modest rise of 0.2 per cent in consumer prices in April, believing that this and other recent indicators show weakness in the economy and hold out the possibility of lower interest rates.

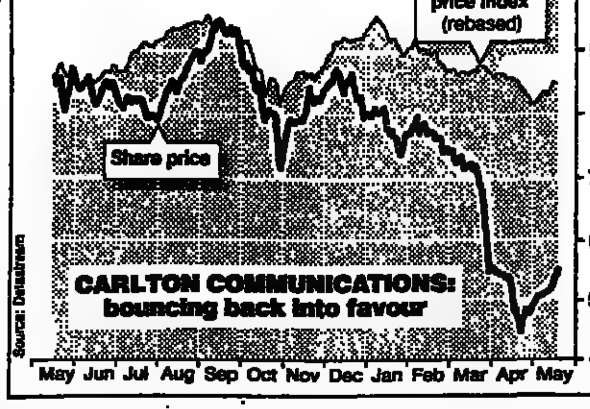
But one analyst said that the consumer prices were generally in line with forecasts and he expected consolidation of recent gains to continue and selling to develop. *(Reuter)*

	May 16 midday	May 15 close		May 16 midday	May 15 close		May 16 midday	May 15 close
Abbott Lab	70⅝	71⅛	Enron	56½	57¼	Oryx Enrgy	47⅜	48
Aetna Life	51⅜	51⅞	Entergy	20⅞	20⅜	Pac Ent	44⅜	44⅜
Ahmanson	19	19	Ethyl	27⅞	27⅝	Pac Gas Elec	23	22⅞
Air Prods	54⅜	54⅝	Exxon	47½	47½	Pac Telesis	46⅞	46⅝
Albertsons	61⅛	61	Fed NMA	37⅛	38⅜	Paccar	39⅜	41
Alcan Al	21⅞	21⅞	Fedrl Exprs	54⅜	54⅜	Pacificorp	23	22½
Alco Stand	34⅜	35	Fit Horstar	21½	21⅜	Pall	33½	33⅝
Allied Signal	37	37⅝	Fluor	44⅜	45¼	Paramount	45⅜	45⅜
Alumin CA	64¾	65	Ford Motor	47⅞	47⅜	Parker-Hanfn	29⅞	29⅞
Am Brands	67⅝	67⅞	FPL	32⅜	32¼	Penney	65½	65¼
Am Cyanmd	54⅞	54⅜	Fst Chicago	32⅜	32⅝	Pennzoil	77	77½
Am EPC	30	30⅞	Fst Intrsta	38½	39	Pepsico	68⅜	68⅜
Am General	49⅞	49⅞	Fst Union	18⅞	19⅜	Pfizer	59⅜	60
Am Home	51⅞	51⅞	Gannett	38⅞	39⅛	Phlps Pet	27¼	27⅝
Am Intl	96	94⅞	Gen Cinema	22	22⅜	Phlda Elec	16⅜	16⅜
Am Medical	n/a	n/a	Gen Elec	68⅞	68⅞	Philp Morris	44⅞	44⅜
Am Stores	65⅜	64⅞	Gen Mills	77	77⅜	Phlps Dodge	60	61½
Amax	25	25½	Gen Motors	48	48	Pitney Bow	48⅜	49
Amer Hess	49⅛	49	Gen RE	85⅜	85	Plcr Dome	16⅜	16⅜
Ameritech	63½	63⅜	Gen Signal	58	58⅛	PNC Fncl	35⅜	35⅝
Amex	29¼	30⅞	Genentech	26⅛	25½	Prndle Estn	26⅜	27
Amoco	53½	54	Genuine Pts	40⅛	40⅜	Polaroid	42⅜	43⅜
AMP	54⅜	54⅜	Georgia-Pac	43⅜	43¼	PPG Inds	46⅞	46⅜
AMR	66⅛	66	Gillette	54⅜	54½	Prctr Gmble	75½	76⅜
Anheuser-B	39⅛	39⅜	Goodrich	43	43½	Price	34⅜	34⅜
Apple Comp	41⅞	41⅜	Goodyear	35⅛	34⅞	Primerica	31⅝	31⅞
Archer-Dan	23⅞	23⅞	Grace	28⅞	28⅜	Pub Service	26⅜	26⅜
Arkla	23⅞	23⅞	Greyhound	28⅛	28⅞	Quaker Oats	49⅜	49⅜
Armstrong	36⅜	35⅜	Gt Atlantic	59⅜	59⅜	Ralston Pur	86⅜	86¼
Asarco	26⅛	26⅜	Gt Nor Nek	65⅞	65⅜	Raychem	30⅜	31⅞
Ashland Oil	36⅛	37⅜	Gt Western	18⅜	18⅜	Raytheon	64	64⅜
AT&T	42⅜	41⅜	GTE	66⅛	67⅛	Reebok	18½	18⅜
Atlan Richfld	118⅛	119	Halibrtn	47⅛	47½	Roadway	37	37⅜
Amo DP	55	55¾	Heinz	33	32⅜	Rockwell	25⅜	25¾
Avery Ind	27⅞	27⅝	Hercules	35⅛	36	Rohm Haas	33⅞	34⅜
Avon Prod	36⅜	36⅜	Hershey Fd	34¼	34⅜	Royal Dutch	77⅛	77⅝
Baltimore	30⅛	30⅛	Hewlett Pkd	45⅞	47⅛	Rubbermaid	39	39⅜
Banc One	29⅛	29⅜	Hilton Htl	47⅜	48⅜	Rynlds Mtl	54⅞	55
Bankamerica	30⅛	30⅜	Home Depot	53⅛	52⅜	Safeco	37⅜	36⅜
Bard	17⅜	18	Homestake	18⅜	18⅜	Salomon	23⅜	23⅜
Barnett Bl	32⅜	32⅛	Honeywell	97⅛	96⅜	Sant Fe Pac	20½	20⅜
Bausch Lmb	63½	64	Houston Ind	33⅜	33⅜	Sara Lee	29⅜	29⅜
Baxter Intl	22⅞	23	Hsehld Intl	45⅛	46⅜	Schecorp	38⅜	38⅜
Bec Dickn	64⅞	65	Humana	45	45	Schlumbgr	55⅜	55⅜
Bell Atlan	52	52⅜	IBM	115⅜	115⅜	Schrg-Plgh	87⅛	87⅜
Bellsouth	56⅜	56⅜	[illegible]	64⅛	64⅜	Scott Papr	44⅜	44⅜
Bkr Hughes	28⅜	29	Illinois TW	54⅛	54⅜	Seagram	82⅜	83⅜
Black Decker	14⅜	15	Inco	25⅜	25⅜	Sears Rbk	37⅜	37⅜
Block	36⅜	37½	Ingsol-Rand	57⅜	58⅜	Secrty Pac	41⅜	41⅜
Bnkrs Tst NY	40½	40⅛	Inland Steel	33⅛	33⅜	Shrwn-Wllms	38⅜	38⅜
Boeing	76⅜	77	Intel	44⅛	44⅛	Snap-on Tls	35⅜	35⅜
Boise Casc	36⅛	36⅜	Intl Paper	51⅛	51⅜	Southern	25½	25⅜
Borden	33	33	ITT	56⅜	56⅜	Sowran	30⅜	30⅛
Brist-Myer	58⅜	59⅛	James River	24	24⅜	St Paul	58⅜	59
Browng-Fer	40⅜	40⅜	Johnsn Jhsn	60⅛	61	Stanley Wk	34⅜	35⅛
Burl Nth	37⅜	37⅜	K Mart	33⅜	33⅜	Stone Cntr	18⅜	18⅛
CAI	15	15½	Kellogg	67	67⅜	Sun Co	38⅛	38⅛
Campbell Sp	51⅛	52⅛	Kerr-McGee	49⅞	49⅜	Suntst Bk	22½	22⅛
Cap Cities	600⅝	606	Kimbly-Clrk	68⅜	69⅜	Super Valu	25⅜	25½
Capital HC	46⅛	46⅜	Knght-Rddr	50	50⅜	SW Bell	[illegible]	57⅜
Carolina	45⅛	45½	Lilly	72	71⅛	Syntex	55	53⅜
Caterpillar	65⅜	66⅜	Limited	45⅜	45⅜	Sysco	34⅜	34⅜
CBS	193⅛	193⅜	Lin Brdcstg	87⅜	88	Tandem	28⅜	28⅜
Central SW	39⅛	39⅜	Lincln Nat	65⅜	65⅜	Tandy	34	33⅜
Champion	29⅜	29⅜	Litton Ind	75⅜	77½	Tele-comm	13⅝	14
Chase Man	25⅛	25⅛	Lockheed	33⅜	34⅛	Teledyne	25	25¼
Chem Bnkg	26⅜	26½	Louis-Pac	43⅛	44⅛	Temple-In	34⅜	34⅜
Chevron	70⅛	70⅜	Manu Hano	34⅜	35	Tenneco	67⅜	68⅜
Chrysler	16⅞	17⅛	Marriott	24⅛	24⅜	Texaco	60⅜	60½
Chubb	92⅛	92⅜	Marsh Mclen	72⅜	73⅛	Texas Inst	40⅜	39⅜
Cigna	50⅜	50⅜	Martin Mar	44⅜	44⅜	Texas Utl	36⅜	36⅜
Citicorp	23⅜	23⅜	Masco	25⅜	25⅜	Textron	24⅜	24⅜
Clrme Liz	28	28	May Dept	55⅜	55⅜	Time Wmr	84⅜	85½
Clorox	41⅛	41⅜	Maytag	18⅜	17	Times Mirr	31⅜	31⅜
Cmwlth Eds	33⅛	33⅜	MCA	56⅜	56⅜	Timken	31	31⅜
CNA Fincl	73½	73⅜	McDnl Doug	44⅞	46	Torchmark	46⅛	46⅜
Coastal	34⅜	34⅜	McDonalds	32	32	Toys R Us	44⅜	44⅜
Coca-Cola	n/a	n/a	McGraw-Hill	54⅜	54⅜	Transam	39⅜	38⅜
Colgate-Pal	61⅛	61⅜	MCI Com	40⅜	41	Travelers	[illegible]	29⅜
Columb Gas	48½	47	Mead	32⅜	32⅜	Tribune	43	42⅜
Compaq	113⅜	114⅜	Medtronic	71⅜	71⅜	TRW	49⅜	50
Conagra	29½	29⅜	Melville	48⅜	48⅜	Tyco Lab	48⅜	48⅜
Cons Edis	25⅜	25⅜	Merck	78⅜	78⅜	UAL	184⅜	185⅛
Cons NG	45⅛	46⅜	Merl Lynch	23⅜	23⅜	Un Camp	37⅜	37⅜
Cons Rail	43⅛	43⅜	MM&M	83⅜	83⅜	Un Carbide	19⅛	19⅜
Cooper Ind	44⅜	44⅜	Mobil	62	62½	Un Pacific	70	70⅜
Corning	48½	48⅜	Monsanto	101⅜	104⅜	Unilever	80⅜	80⅜
CPC Intl	73⅜	73⅜	Moore	27⅜	27½	Unisys	14	14
Crown Cork	59⅜	59⅜	Morgan	37	37⅜	Unocal	30⅜	31½
CSX	33⅛	33⅜	Motorola	74	74⅜	Upjohn	38⅜	38⅜
Dana	35⅛	35⅜	Nat Medical	36½	36½	US West	36⅜	36⅜
Dayton-Hud	71⅜	71½	Nat Service	27	27½	Usair Gp	28⅜	28⅜
Deere	75⅜	75	Navistar	3⅞	3½	USF&G	28⅜	28⅜
Delta Air	77	77⅛	NCNB	39⅛	39⅜	UST	29⅜	29⅜
Deluxe	32	32	NCR	68⅜	68⅜	USX	34⅜	34⅜
Detroit Ed	28⅜	28⅜	NED Bncp	32½	32½	Utd Tech	57	57½
Digital Eq	89	90	Newmnt Min	44⅜	44½	Utd Telcm	43⅜	43⅜
Dillard	72⅜	72⅜	Niagr Mhwk	14⅜	14⅜	VF	30⅜	30⅜
Disney	112½	112⅜	Nike	75⅜	75⅜	Wal-Mart	53⅛	53⅜
Dominion	45½	45⅜	NL Indstrs	17½	18⅛	Walgreen	44	44⅜
Donnelley	43½	44⅛	Nordstrom	29½	29⅜	Waste Mgmt	38⅜	38½
Dover	40	40⅜	Norfk Sthn	41⅛	41⅜	Wells Fargo	73⅜	73⅜
Dow Chem	66⅜	65½	Norton	68⅛	68⅛	Westg Elec	74	74
Dow Jones	25⅜	25⅜	Norwest	21⅛	22	Weyerhsr	26⅜	26⅜
Dresser Ind	51	51⅜	Nthn St Pwr	38⅜	35½	Whirlpool	27⅜	27⅜
Du Pont	40⅜	40½	Nthn Telcm	25½	25⅛	Whitman	27⅜	27½
Duke Pwr	55⅜	55⅜	NY Times	22⅜	23	Winn-Dxie	65⅜	65⅜
Dun Bradst	48⅜	48⅜	Nynex	86⅜	86⅜	Woolworth	62⅜	63
East Kodak	40⅜	40⅜	Occid Petrl	27	27⅜	Wrigley	57	57⅜
Eaton	60	60⅜	Ohio Edi	19⅜	19⅜	Wrner-Lamb	113⅜	113⅜
Emerson El	40⅜	40⅜	Oracle Sys	18⅜	18⅜	Xerox	49⅜	48⅜

STOCK MARKET

Hint of further takeovers by Hanson boosts shares

By Matthew Bond



WITH market-makers still believed to be short of stock, the mere suggestion that Lord Hanson could soon return to the acquisition trail was more than enough to send share prices moving swiftly ahead.

Quite where the cash-rich Lord Hanson might alight was unclear. But one name back in the frame was the Blue Circle cement group which has been linked on and off with Hanson for two years.

But Blue Circle, shrugging off such talk, yesterday announced that it had spent £93 million buying 50 per cent of Aalborg Portland, the Danish cement group, its first European acquisition. Despite talk that the deal was a touch on the expensive side, Blue Circle shares rose 8p to 218p.

While the £17 billion that Hanson could spend was underpinning the entire London market, the name of Blue Circle refused to go away. Hanson already has considerable interests in the British building materials industry, owning both London Brick and the ARC aggregates group, the latter coming as part of Consolidated Goldfields last year. Blue Circle might fit in with them well. The price that Blue Circle was paying for its Danish acquisition started a strong rally in RMC, a fellow cement group.

RMC's network of European businesses, particularly its West German interests, has long been highly regarded, but are perhaps in need of revaluation in the light of the Blue Circle buy. RMC rose 13p to 639p.

When the American consumer price index for April came in with a lower-than-expected rise of 0.2 per cent, shares improved further, fuelled by the hope of lower global interest rates. At one point, the FT-SE 100 index was up by almost 25 points at 2,237.1. But then a spate of profit-taking saw it tumble to 2,221.1, a net gain of only 8.9. The FT 30 index closed 8.2 up at 1,739.8.

But, while a bid for Blue Circle remains speculation, there were firmer reasons behind the jump in Davies & Newman, the parent company of Dan-Air, the airline. The company has said that talks with other airlines about co-operation include discussions which might lead to an offer being made for the company. The shares closed at 575p — up 150p.

Reuters, the electronic information group, was once again on the move and improved 15p to £11.19. Mr John Clarke, a Daiwa analyst, believes the group is entering a fresh period of growth and could be *the* British technology stock during the next 12 months. He forecasts pre-tax profits of £352 million for the current year, rising to £453 million in 1991.

The healthcare sector saw busy trading. Glaxo tumbled 30p to 783p as figures from Astra, the Swedish drug company, showed that Losec, its anti-ulcer drug which is a rival to Glaxo's Zantac, was making considerable in-roads into the European market.

Grand Metropolitan slipped 13p to 274p despite the company announcing interim pre-tax profits up 36 per cent to £409 million. GrandMet is the latest stock to be hit by the mad cow disease scare, which could reduce demand for its Burger King beefburgers.

The news that **National Westminster Bank** was in talks to buy the Européene de Banque subsidiary of Crédit Commercial de France saw the shares 5p higher at 327p. **Bank of Ireland** improved 7p to 239p ahead of today's results.

Also moving higher was the company that sold Cosworth to Vickers, **Carlton Communications**, Mr Michael Green's media facilities group. A buy circular from BZW says the company could report interim pre-tax profits of £62 million next Monday, an increase of 48 per cent. BZW believes the fall in the price has been overdone. Carlton rose 17p to 547p.

COMPANY BRIEFS

DUNEDIN WORLDWIDE
Pre-tax: £2.08m (£1.01m)
EPS: 4.30p (2.05p)
Div: 2.4p (2p)
Interim results. Net asset value per share fell 8.2% to 568.7p in the six months. Gross income climbed to £3.47m (£2.13m).

LONDON & ASSOCIATED
Pre-tax: £0.84m (£0.77m)
EPS: 1.30p (1.17p)
Div: 0.41p, mkg 0.46p
Final results. Last year's total dividend was 0.40p. The net asset value per share of the trust increased to 50.6p (37.1p).

GOVETT AMERICAN
Pre-tax: $11.1m ($9.91m)
EPS: 20.36c (18.18c)
Div: 10.17c, mkg 20.35c
Final results. Last time's total dividend was 15.75 cents. The net asset value per share stood at $1.86 ($1.87), or £1.13 (£1.11).

CITY OF OXFORD (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.31m (£0.71m)
EPS: 4.85p (2.60p)
Div: 1.1875p, mkg 4p
Last year's total dividend was 3.183p. The net asset value slipped to 47.8p (52.97p). Special dividend of 0.5p per income share.

FLEMING HIGH INCOME
Pre-tax: £2.11m
EPS: 6.25p
Div: 1.35p, mkg 5.25p
These final results are for the period to end-April. The net asset value per share was 85.3p. Gross revenue reached £2.44m.

ASTRA (quarterly)
Pre-tax: SKr522m
EPS: SKr2.90 (SKr2.30)
Div: N/A
Results are for the January to March period. Last year's pre-tax earnings wer SKr417m. Sales increased by 21 per cent to SKr2.16bn.

BISICHI MINING (Fin)
Pre-tax: £0.17m (£0.13m)
EPS: 1.18p (0.97p)
Div: 0.56p (0.51p)
Gross income rose to £0.55m (£0.32m). The board looks forward to 1990-91 with confidence.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	3,063	CU	821	Lloyds	4,060	Sears	8,423
Abbey Nat	2,059	Cookson	2,461	Lloyds Abb	801	Sedgwick	1,309
Alld-Lyons	4,070	Courtaulds	477	Lonrho	3,391	Shell	3,372
Amstrad	882	Dalgety	481	Lucas	306	Siebe	1,339
ASDA	2,294	Dixons	813	Manpower	1,470	Slough	178
AB Foods	62	ECC	625	M&S	4,434	Smith & N	12,858
Argyll	1,274	Enterprise	1,355	Maxwell Cm	580	SK Beech	1,699
BAA	896	Ferranti	6,265	MB Group	344	Do Uts	n/a
BET	617	Fisons	1,487	Mecca	12,008	Smith WH	694
BTR	2,449	FKI	5,777	MEPC	718	Smiths Ind	694
BAT	1,979	Gen Acc	378	Midland	2,237	STC	1,381
Barclays	4,335	GEC	6,392	Nat West	4,464	Stan Chart	482
Bass	890	Glaxo	2,999	Next	1,339	Storehse	4,165
Beazer	182	Globe Inv	463	Nth Food	682	Sun Allnce	3,695
Bensfd Intl	58	Glynwed	258	P&O	484	Sun Life	2
BICC	810	Granada	478	Pearson	478	T & N	270
Blue Circle	2,204	Grand Met	7,363	Pilkington	2,266	TI Group	169
BOC	1,899	GUS 'A'	321	Polly Peck	9,907	Tarmac	1,833
Boots	2,830	GRE	1,732	Prudential	2,933	Tate & Lyle	1,328
BPB	747	GKN	1,107	Racal	5,691	Taylor Wood	344
Br Aero	1,700	Guinness	1,211	Racal Tele	427	TSB	3,186
Br Airways	1,239	Hamm 'A'	182	Rk Hovs	228	Tesco	1,765
Br Comm	n/a	Hanson	3,923	Rank	2,722	Thames Wtr	888
Br Gas	6,800	Do Wts	888	R&C	233	Thorn EMI	300
Br Land	412	H & C	1,011	Redland	1,057	Trafalgar	1,969
Br Petrol	8,060	Hawker	482	Reed	371	THF	5,834
Br Steel	10,732	Hillsdown	2,617	Reuters	391	Ultramar	3,219
Br Telcom	4,917	IMI	1,657	RMC Gp	375	Unigate	828
Bunzl	38	ICI	1,783	RTZ	585	Unilever	1,299
Burmah	361	Inchcape	678	R-Royce	8,298	United Bis	1,639
Burton	4,385	Kingfisher	1,063	Rothmn 'B'	240	Utd News	193
C&W	1,501	Lasmo	1,454	Royal Bank	449	Wellcome	150
Cadbury	845	Ladbroke	1,881	Royal Ins	740	Whitbrd	2,082
Calor	301	Land Sec	1,175	Saatchi	331	Williams	2,089
Carlton	1,848	Laporte	217	Sainsbury	2,458	Willis Fab	846
Coats	827	L&G	1,521	Scot & N	1,685	Wimpey G	119

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon (*450)	390	67	79	85	2½	4	8
	420	38	56	66	–	11	16
	460	14	30	36	29	32	35
ASDA (*101)	90	17	18½	21½	2	4½	5
	100	9½	11½	15½	5½	7½	8
	110	4½	–	–	11½	12½	–
Bass (*987)	950	67	102	117	15	27	35
	1000	35	70	56	35	40	47
	1050	15	47	–	73	75	–
Boots (*271)	240	38	42	49	2½	4½	6
	260	19	27	35	7	9	12
	280	7½	15	24	17	19	21
Brit Air (*203)	180	24	29	33	2	3½	6
	200	9	16	22	9	11	12
	220	2½	7½	12	24	25	26
Brit Com (*n.a)	50	1	1	–	50	45	–
	60	1	1	–	55	54	–
	70	1	1	–	70	65	–
BP (*324)	300	35	43	49	2½	5	6½
	330	12½	22	30	10	14	17
	360	2	9½	–	34	35	–
Brit Steel (*145)	130	17½	19	21	1½	2½	3½
	140	8½	11½	15	5	6½	7½
	160	1½	3	4½	19	20	21
C & W (*503)	460	54	75	88	6	12	15
	500	28	47	63	20	25	29
	550	9	24	40	52	54	55
Cm Union (*456)	420	50	55	75	5	12	14
	460	22	34	48	19	25	27
	500	8	18	33	46	47	48
Courtauld (*320)	297	26	35	–	7	10	–
	327	8	19	–	23	26	–
	357	2	–	–	50	–	–
GKN (*356)	360	18	25	38	14	20	22
	390	6½	14	24	35	38	40
	420	2½	7½	15	65	66	67
Grand Met (*574)	500	93	103	–	2	6	–
	550	49	65	90	8	17	20
	600	15	35	57	32	40	42
ICI (*1145)	1050	132	154	189	6	15	19
	1100	90	115	152	13	27	32
	1150	57	82	120	29	44	50
Kingfisher (*297)	260	43	47	55	3	4½	7
	280	25	33	42	7	10	13
	300	11	20	31	17	20	22
Ladbroke (*292)	260	38	48	55	2½	4½	7
	280	21	33	40	7½	11	13
	300	10½	22	29	18	20	22
Land Sec (*480)	460	30	47	60	11	16	22
	500	9	27	40	35	37	43
	550	2½	10	20	80	80	87
M & S (*205)	180	27	33	39	2	3½	4½
	200	10	17	25	7	9½	11
	220	3	8	–	20	22	–
STC (*258)	220	45	52	–	2½	8	–
	240	29	38	50	6	12	14
	260	17	25	38	15	21	23
Sainsbury (*262)	240	26	36	42	3½	4½	5½
	260	12	21	29	10	11	13
	280	4	11	18	24	25	26
Shell (*456)	420	53	65	78	3	8	10
	460	22	37	52	14	23	25
	500	7	17	–	48	48	–
Smid Beech (*514)	460	62	79	90	4	9	12
	500	32	48	63	11	20	25
	550	9	22	–	42	48	–
Storehse (*106)	100	11	14	18	3½	5½	7½
	110	4½	9	12½	9	11	12
	120	2	6	8½	16	17	19
Trafalgar (*306)	280	37	49	53	4	7	13
	300	22	35	40	10	13	18
	330	7	17½	25	28	30	35
Ultramar (*340)	300	50	60	73	3	5	8
	330	25	40	52	9	15	17
	360	10	25	37	25	30	30
Unilever (*667)	600	85½	108	24½	2½	5½	8¼
	650	43	69	88	10½	16¾	20¾
	700	16½	40	–	37½	41½	–
	750	4½	–	–	85½	–	–
Utd Bisc (*335)	300	45	52	59	2½	5	7
	330	20	30	39	9	13	16
	360	6	14	–	27	30	–

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA (*400)	360	42	50	62	1½	5	8
	390	13	26	40	3½	13	17
	420	2½	12	26	22	28	32
BAT Ind (*693)	650	41	73	–	1	10	–
	700	5	36	60	20	27	35
	750	1½	14	28	68	70	73
	800	1	9	18	118	118	118
BTR (*400)	360	44	57	63	2	3	6
	390	13	34	42	3	10	14
	420	1½	18	26	21	25	30
Brit Aero (*510)	460	57	75	85	1	5½	12
	500	18	45	60	5	16	25
	550	2	21	33	40	45	47
Brit Tele (*286)	240	28	35	40	½	3½	5
	260	9	18	26	1½	9½	11
	280	1	7	16	15	21	22
Cadbury (*323)	300	28	40	47	1	6	8
	330	2½	19	28	10	17	20
	360	1	8	15	37	37	38
Guinness (*874)	800	75	98	114	2	4½	9
	850	27	58	78	3	14	21
	900	2	28	50	30	34	40
GEC (*205)	180	27	32	34	½	2½	4
	200	7	15½	20	1½	6	9½
	220	1½	5½	10½	18	21	23
Hanson (*227)	200	28½	33	40	½	2	2½
	220	8½	18	25	1	5½	7½
	240	¼	6	13	13	15½	17
LASMO (*401)	330	73	83	–	1	3	–
	360	40	55	68	2	7	10
	400	8	32	47	7	18	20

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
P & O (*579)	550	31½	58¼	69½	2	9¼	17½
	600	2	26½	29	25	30¼	39½
	650	1	10	20½	75	74½	75½
Pilkington (*191)	200	2	9	13	10	21	24
	220	1	4	6	30	38	40
	240	1	1½	–	50	56	–
Polly Peck (*423)	360	65	81	94½	1	2½	4½
	390	36	54½	70	2	6½	10
	420	10½	33½	50	6	16	20½
Prudential (*202)	180	24	31	34	1	3½	5½
	200	5	15	21	3½	8	10
	220	1	7	12	19	19	21
Racal (*204)	180	26	31	39	1	4	6
	200	7½	16½	26	3	11	13
	210	2	–	–	9	–	–
RTZ (*539)	500	42	63	77	1	7	13
	550	5	28	47	15	25	32
	600	1½	11	25	64	65	65
Scot & New (*317)	280	41	50	55	½	3½	6
	300	21	32	41	1	9	13
	330	2	14	25	15	23	30
Tesco (*207)	180	29½	34¼	39½	1	1	2¼
	200	8½	18¼	24¼	1	5	7¼
	220	1	7½	13¼	14½	15¼	17½
Thames Wtr (*137)	120	20	23	23	1½	3	4½
	130	9½	14	16	1½	7½	8½
	140	2	8	10	3½	14	15
	160	1	2½	4	22	31	31
Wtr Package (*1465)	1350	130	160	180	15	60	70
	1400	85	120	150	20	80	100
	1450	50	90	120	30	120	130
	1500	20	65	100	55	160	160

	Series	Calls May	Calls Jul		Puts May	Puts Jul	
Ferranti (*40)	35	5½	8	–	½	1¼	–
	40	1	5	–	1½	3	–
	45	¼	2½	–	6	7½	–

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Aug	Calls Oct	Puts Jun	Puts Aug	Puts Oct
Reuters (*1120)	1050	90½	171	47¾	5½	19	26½
	1100	50½	83½	14½	17½	35	43½
	1150	24½	56¾	86½	43½	60	67½

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abbey Nat (*194)	160	37	42	44	1	1½	2½
	180	19	25	28	2	5	6
	200	3½	12	15	10	12	13
Amstrad (*68)	60	10	14	16	1	3½	4½
	70	4	9	11	4½	6½	9
	80	1½	5	7	13	14	15
Barclays (*538)	460	86	–	–	1½	–	–
	500	48	61	76	3	13	15
	550	11	28	46	22	30	33
	600	2½	9	25	63	63	63
Blue Circle (*218)	200	22	29	37	2	4	7
	220	8	16	24	9½	13	18
	240	2	6	14	23	24	28
	260	1	3½	–	43	43	–
Brit Gas (*212)	180	35	38	41	1	2	3
	200	16	20	25	2	8	8
	220	4	7½	14	9	16	18
	240	1	3	–	28	32	–
Dixons (*127)	110	20	23	27	3	5	7
	120	12½	16	21	7	11	12
	130	8	13	15	12	16	19
Glaxo (*785)	750	57	90	104	7	18	27
	775	39	–	–	15	–	–
	800	23	57	74	25	39	47
	850	7	33	48	62	67	74
Hawker (*636)	600	53	83	103	7	20	30
	650	18	52	60	25	35	50
	700	8	30	–	73	73	–
Hillsdown (*245)	220	30	40	46	1½	4	5½
	240	14	25	30	5½	9	12
	260	4	14	21	18	19	22
Lonrho (*228)	218	18	26	35	5	8	11
	236	7	15	24	12	18	20
	255	3	8	15	29	32	34
Midland (*294)	280	23	33	47	8	17	20
	300	11	23	37	16	24	30
	330	3	12	25	40	47	48
R-Royce (*203)	160	44	50	53	½	1	1½
	180	26	32	37	1	3	4½
	200	8½	17½	24	5	8	10
Sears (*91)	80	12	13½	16½	2	4	6
	90	4	7½	10	6	8½	9½
	100	1½	4	6½	15	16	16
THF (*266)	240	30	38	46	1½	2½	6
	260	13	26	32	5½	9	13
	280	4	13	20	17	19	24
Thorn EMI (*691)	600	102	105	122	2½	8	13
	650	52	64	83	6	19	26
	700	20	33	55	22	41	46
TSB (*133)	120	17	20	23	2	3½	4½
	130	8	12	15	5	6	8
	140	3	7	10	11	12	14
Vaal Reefs (*$81)	80	8	10	14	5	8	10
	90	4	6	10	12	14	16
Wellcome (*661)	600	77	–	–	4	–	–
	650	37	72	96	18	25	42
	700	16	50	72	50	60	65

FT-SE INDEX (*2223)

	2100	2150	2200	2250	2300	2350
Calls						
May	152	98	54	23	10½	4
Jun	186	137	90	63	42	24
Jul	199	156	121	90	64	43
Aug	216	177	137	108	–	–
Dec	275	–	204	–	146	–
Puts						
May	4½	8	16	38	75	117
Jun	15	23	36	56	85	122
Jul	23	34	46	67	97	126
Aug	31	41	56	76	–	–
Dec	49	–	77	–	120	–

May 16, 1990 Total: 38638 Calls 23963 Puts 14675 FT-SE: Calls 4071 Puts 5??8
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings May 8 · Last Dealings May 18 · Last Declaration August 2 · For Settlement August 13

Call options were taken out on: 16/5/90 Aviva Petroleum, Butte Mining, Coloroll, Mosaic Investments, Tuskar Resources.
Puts: Mecca Leisure.
Puts & Calls: Brent Walker.

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Minister entitled to reach decision

Regina v Secretary of State for Education and Science, Ex parte Inner London Education Authority and Another

Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Taylor and Lord Justice Staughton

[Judgment May 16]

The Secretary of State for Education and Science was entitled to reach a conclusion that there was no obligation upon school governors to make any payment when determining a financial agreement upon a notice of discontinuance served by the governors to convert a voluntary controlled school into a city technical college and no unfairness had been shown in the consultation process.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA) and the London Borough of Lewisham against the dismissal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Brooke) (*The Times* March 6) of their application for judicial review of a decision of the Secretary of State for Education and Science granting leave to the governors of the Haberdashers' Aske's Schools at Hatcham to serve notice discontinuing the schools as voluntary schools so enabling them to become a city technology college and declining to impose any requirements on the governors to repay any sums in regard to the expenses ILEA or its predecessor, London County Council, had incurred in improving the schools.

Mr Roger Henderson, QC and Mr John Whitaker for ILEA and Lewisham; Mr Roger Ter Haar for the secretary of state; Mr David Pannick for the governors.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the proceedings related to a proposal to convert the two (boys and girls) Haberdashers' Aske's Schools from their present status as voluntary controlled schools, wholly maintained by the local education authority, into city technical colleges (CTC).

Under section 14 of the Education Act 1944, as amended by the Education Act 1946 and the Education Act 1980, the school governors had to give two years notice of discontinuance of the schools as voluntary controlled schools. If, as in the present case, the local education authority had expended money on capital works, the secretary of state had to give leave for the service of such notice.

The second requirement to convert the schools into CTCs was imposed by section 105 of the Education Reform Act 1988 which required a funding agreement to be made between the secretary of state and a person (in the present case the Haberdashers Company) who undertook to establish and maintain the college.

The Haberdashers Company and the school governors conducted widespread consultation and overall the majority of parents at the two schools were in favour of conversion into CTCs. Both ILEA and Lewisham opposed the proposal because among other reasons it would transfer control of local schools from the local authority to central government.

On July 17, 1989 the governors applied to the secretary of state for leave to serve notice of discontinuance under section 14 of the 1944 Act, as amended, and that was granted on August 30, 1989.

The secretary of state concluded that it would not be appropriate to require any payment to be made by the governing body.

It was contended by ILEA that the decision to give leave to discontinue was flawed because a number of points were not agreed in principle between the secretary of state and the Haberdashers Company, in particular there was no agreement as to whether there should be one or two CTCs.

There was no reason why there had to be a separate funding agreement for each CTC. There was nothing in section 105 of the 1988 Act which excluded the general rule which permitted the singular to be read as including the plural and there was therefore no reason why a funding agreement should not be made with one promoter to establish and maintain two or more CTCs.

ILEA and Lewisham contended that the secretary of state, in making his decision whether to require reimbursement to the local education authorities of the capital expenditure on the schools, was not entitled to have regard, as he did, to the future educational use of the premises by CTCs.

There was nothing in section 14(1) of the 1944 Act, as amended, which required only financial matters (as opposed to future educational needs) to be taken into account. The secretary of state was required to do what was just as between the public need for present and future educational facilities on the one hand and the moral obligation to the person at whose expense the premises had been provided on the other.

That was exactly what the secretary of state had done in the present case and he was therefore entitled, on the true construction of section 14(1) to reach the conclusion as to any financial obligation that he did reach.

ILEA and Lewisham, contended that the secretary of state had failed to consult them adequately because they had not been alerted to the grounds on which he decided not to make any order for the recoupment of past capital expenditure.

Although by sending to ILEA and Lewisham copies of a letter to the chairman of the governors stating that it was essential that the secretary of state had before him the views of all concerned, his Lordship was far from satisfied that proper steps had been taken to invite the local authorities to present their views.

ILEA and Lewisham did in fact make representations, although none of them was directed to the specific point of counter availing financial benefits flowing from the closure of the existing voluntary controlled schools.

The failure to give a proper opportunity for consultation was not, by itself, a ground for quashing a decision.

The question was whether unfairness resulted from the fact that the views of ILEA and Lewisham had not been specifically sought nor had they been alerted to the importance which the secretary of state attached to the financial benefits which could accrue to Lewisham by reason of Lewisham being relieved of the expenditure necessary to educate those people from their area who would in future be educated at the CTCs at the expense of central government.

It had not been shown that, even if a proper invitation to make representations had been made, any additional relevant information would have been placed before the secretary of state which could have affected his decision. It followed therefore that it had not been shown that the consultation process as a whole had resulted in any unfairness.

Lord Justice Taylor and Lord Justice Staughton agreed.

Solicitors: Mr A. M. Ennals, Southwark and Mr Robert A. Joy, Lewisham; Treasury Solicitor; Freshfields.

Land 'required' for compulsory purchase

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another, Ex parte Sharkey and Others

Before Mr Justice Roch

[Judgment May 11]

Land was "required" by a local planning authority for a purpose which it was necessary to achieve in the interests of proper planning and could therefore be compulsorily purchased under section 112(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 when it was needed for the accomplishment of that purpose.

Mr Justice Roch so held in the Queen's Bench Division in dismissing an application by Leonard Sharkey, David Alan Stubbings and Charles Fitzgerald for judicial review of a decision of the Secretary of State for the Environment which had upheld compulsory purchase orders made by South Buckinghamshire District Council.

Mr Harry Sales for the applicants; Mr Michael Kent for the secretary of state; Mr Geoffrey Stephenson for the local authority.

MR JUSTICE ROCH said that he was referred to two authorities concerning compulsory purchase orders under section 112(1)(a).

The first was *Company Developments (Property) Ltd v Secretary of State for the Environment* ([1978] JPL 107) where Sir Douglas Frank, QC, accepted the submission that the word "required" in a compulsory purchase situation did not mean "essential".

It meant that the acquiring authority and the secretary of state considered that it was desirable to acquire the land the secure the development of the area as a whole.

In the second case, *R v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Leicester City Council* ([1987] JPL 787) Mr Justice McCullough had considered that the word "required" meant more than simply the acquisition of the land being, in the view of the local planning authority and the secretary of state, desirable.

What had to be demonstrated was a need on the part of the local authority both for the land and the power to acquire it compulsorily.

Although both the cases involved consideration of section 112(1)(a) the word "required" had to have the same meaning in subsection (1)(a) and (1)(b).

Because of the nature of the power given to the local authorities by section 112, namely to deprive the owner of land against the owner's will, his Lordship preferred and adopted the stricter meaning of the word "required" suggested by Mr Justice McCullough.

The word meant the the compulsory acquisition of land was called for; it was a thing needed for the accomplishment of one the activities or purposes set out in the section.

However, his Lordship accepted the *dictum* of Sir Douglas Frank to the extent that neither the local authority nor the secretary of state had to go so far as to show the compulsory acquisition of the land was indispensable to the carrying out of the activity or the activity or the achieving of the necessary planning purpose.

The local authority need not have used all its other powers before resorting to compulsory purchase, provided there was evidence on which it and the secretary of state could conclude that without the use of compulsory purchase powers the necessary planning purpose was unlikely to be achieved.

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Timetable for skeleton arguments

Practice Direction (Court of Appeal: Timetable for skeleton arguments)

Acceding to a request from representatives of the Bar the Court of Appeal would reduce the time limit for lodging skeleton arguments from four weeks to 14 days in the case of appeals and full-court applications which were given fixtures. The new timetable, taking effect from June 1, 1990, had to be adhered to strictly.

Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, sitting in the Court of Appeal on May 16 with Lord Justice Taylor and Lord Justice Staughton, so stated handing down a practice direction revising *Practice Direction (Court of Appeal: Presentation of Argument)* (*The Times* March 11, 1989; [1989] 1 WLR 281).

1 Timetable for skeleton arguments

From June 1, 1990, paragraphs 6 and 7 and the first paragraph of paragraph 11 of the 1989 *Practice Direction* would cease to have effect and from that date the following arrangements would be substituted.

2 Subject to any special direction given in any individual case and to the proviso in paragraph 3 below, the time limit for lodging skeleton arguments would be 14 days; in cases which had fixed dates it would be 14 days prior to the hearing date (see paragraph 4 below) and in Short Warned *List* cases it would be 14 days after notification to the parties' solicitors that the case had been assigned to that list (see paragraph 5 below). The final deadline for lodging skeleton arguments would be 4pm on the fourteenth day.

3 In any case where the 14-day time limit would expire on a Bank Holiday or other day when the Civil Appeals Office was closed, the skeleton arguments had to be lodged with the Civil Appeals Office on the working day preceding the fourteenth day.

4 Appeals with fixed dates

In the case of all appeals and full-court applications which were given fixed dates, four copies of counsel's skeleton argument had to be lodged with the Civil Appeals Office not later than 14 days prior to the date on which the hearing was due to commence. A copy of the skeleton argument had also to be sent to the opposing counsel on or before the date on which the skeleton argument was lodged with the Civil Appeals Office.

5 Short Warned List cases

In cases assigned to the Short Warned List the time limit for lodging skeleton arguments would also be 14 days, but it would not be calculated by reference to any hearing date or "on-call" date; instead the 14-day time limit would run from the date on which the parties' solicitors were notified (by letter from the Civil Appeals Office) that the case had been assigned to the Short Warned List.

It would be the duty of the solicitors to all parties (whether appellants or respondents) on receipt of that letter to inform their respective counsel forthwith of the fact that the case had been assigned to the Short Warned List, and of the date on which the skeleton arguments were required.

Each counsel had then to ensure that four copies of his/her skeleton argument were lodged within that 14-day period. A copy of the skeleton argument had also to be sent to the opposing counsel on or before the date on which it was lodged with the Civil Appeals Office.

6 Applications for an extension of time for lodging skeleton arguments

Any application for an extension of time for lodging skeleton arguments had to be made by counsel to the Registrar of Civil Appeals before the time limit expired. Any such application had to be made if possible by letter or fax, but it could be made by telephoning the registrar, if there was no time to send a letter or fax.

Any application for an extension had to be made by counsel personally (not by his/her clerk or instructing solicitor). The request for an extension had to specify why it had not been possible for counsel to produce the skeleton argument in time and had to state what length of extension was sought.

In view of the fact that the system whereby the court pre-read cases on the basis, and with the assistance, of skeleton arguments would not work unless the revised 14-day time limit was strictly adhered to, it would only be in exceptional cases that any extension could be granted.

7 Failure to lodge skeleton arguments in time

If any counsel's skeleton argument had not been received in the Civil Appeals Office by 4pm on the date on which the 14-day time limit (or any time limit set by the registrar) expired, the appeal or application would be listed in *The Daily Cause List* before the Master of the Rolls' Court for the counsel concerned to explain why his/her skeleton argument had not been lodged in time and for the court to make such other order or directions as it considered appropriate.

That listing would be automatic and no other notification of it would be given either to the defaulting counsel or his/her clerk or instructing solicitor.

(a) In all cases (other than those where the time limit for lodging the skeleton arguments expired on a Tuesday), if the requisite four copies of counsel's skeleton argument had not been received in the Civil Appeals Office by 4pm on the day on which the time limit expired, the appeal or application concerned would be listed in the Master of the Rolls' Court at 10.30am on the Wednesday following the date on which time expired. (If that Wednesday fell in a vacation, then the cases concerned would be listed on the next Wednesday on which the court was sitting, or on such other date as the Registrar of Civil Appeals might direct).

(b) In cases where the last day for lodging skeleton arguments was a Tuesday, and four copies of counsel's skeleton argument had not been received in the Civil Appeals Office by 4pm on that Tuesday, the appeal or application concerned would be listed in the Master of the Rolls' Court at 10.30am on Thursday of that week. (If that Thursday fell in a vacation, then the cases concerned would be listed on the next Thursday on which the court was sitting, or on such other date as the Registrar of Civil Appeals might direct).

8 Listing

In the case of appeals and full court applications which qualified for fixtures (all cases other than those assigned to the Short Warned *List*, and urgent cases requiring special listing directions) the listing arrangements set out in paragraph 10 of the 1989 *Practice Direction* would continue to apply.

In the case of appeals and full court applications assigned to the Short Warned List the arrangements would be as follows:

Once the requisite skeleton arguments had been lodged in accordance with paragraph 5 above, the Civil Appeals Listing Office would take cases from the Short Warned *List* as demand required.

The listing officers would notify counsel's clerks by telephone of the date from which the case would be "on call" and then it would remain in the Short Warned List liable to be called on at any time on or after that date as under the present system.

As the parties' solicitors would have had notice by the letter from the Civil Appeals Office that the case had been assigned to the Short Warned List, and the skeleton arguments would already be in the court's hands before the case was put "on call" it would no longer be necessary, and would no longer be the practice, for the Listing Office to give three weeks' or any other prescribed period of advance notice of the date from which any Short Warned List case would be "on call". The Listing Office would put Short Warned List cases "on call" in such numbers and from such dates as the state of the list required.

Any application for a Short Warned List case to be given a fixed date had to be made as soon as the letter had gone out from the Civil Appeals Office notifying the solicitors that the case had been assigned to the Short Warned List.

It would not be acceptable to wait until counsel's clerks had been notified of the "on call" date. *A fortiori*, it would be far too late to apply for a fixed date at the stage when the Short Warned List case was actually called on for hearing.

9 Miscellaneous provisions

References in this *Practice Direction* to skeleton arguments included a letter from a respondent's counsel in lieu of a skeleton argument in cases where no respondent's skeleton argument was required (see paragraph 3 of the 1989 *Practice Direction*).

It needed to be emphasized that in all cases, the counsel to each respondent must lodge either a skeleton argument, or (if the circumstances justified it) a letter in lieu.

10 With effect from June 1, 1990 four copies of each skeleton argument had to be lodged with the Civil Appeals Office in all cases.

11 Skeleton arguments had to be lodged by counsel's chambers directly with the Civil Appeals Office, not via their instructing solicitors.

12 Also with effect from June 1, 1990 the obligation to lodge skeleton arguments would apply to all applications listed for hearing before the full court in the same way as it did to appeals.

13 It was the duty of solicitors to provided counsel with all necessary instructions and papers early enough to enable counsel to prepare and lodge the skeleton argument within the prescribed time limit. The fact that settlement negotiations were under way was not a reason for delaying the preparation of the skeleton argument or the provision of papers for that purpose. If counsel encountered difficulty in obtaining the necessary papers for preparing the skeleton argument, the Registrar of Civil Appeals should at once be informed.

Before justices retire

D. Ackerman & Sons Ltd v North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council

Justices should remember that before retiring to consider their verdicts they should provide legal representatives of the parties with a full opportunity to address them, especially on matters of construction of statutes or regulations.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Potts) so stated on May 10 in allowing an appeal by way of case stated by D. Ackerman & Sons Ltd against its conviction by North Shields Justices on three offences of supplying a toy which did not comply with regulation 9 of the Toys (Safety) Regulations (SI 1974 No 1367).

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, agreeing with a judgment of Mr Justice Potts, said that the case was also a reminder to justices' clerks that they should not, in advising justices, refer them to authorities without taking the precaution of bringing those authorities to the notice of the legal representatives of the parties in open court and thus giving them an opportunity to address the court.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Polly Peck (aa)	Foods	
2	Kleinwort Benson	Banks,Discount	
3	Waterglade	Property	
4	Greenall Wht	Breweries	
5	Pifco	Electricals	
6	Assoc Fisheries	Foods	
7	Lec Refrigeration	Electricals	
8	Fosceo	Chemicals,Plas	
9	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
10	Redland (aa)	Building,Roads	
11	Grovewood Sec	Industrials E-K	
12	Nestor-BNA	Industrials L-R	
13	Whatman	Industrials S-Z	
14	Morrison (W)	Foods	
15	Salvesen (Chstn)	Foods	
16	Molins	Industrials L-R	
17	Morland	Breweries	
18	CRH	Building,Roads	
19	Countryside	Building,Roads	
20	McCarthy & S	Building,Roads	
21	Christies Int	Industrials A-D	
22	Chamberlin & Hill	Industrials A-D	
23	P & O Dfd (aa)	Transport	
24	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
25	Lees (John J)	Foods	
26	Ocean Group	Transport	
27	Ransomes	Industrials L-R	
28	DAKS Simpson 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
29	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
30	Pearson (aa)	Newspapers,Pub	
31	Gestetner	Industrials E-K	
32	Euro Leisure	Leisure	
33	Burmah (aa)	Oil,Gas	
34	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
35	Racal Elect (aa)	Electricals	
36	Pilkington (aa)	Industrials L-R	
37	Scot & New (aa)	Breweries	
38	Security Serv	Industrials S-Z	
39	ECM	Electricals	
40	Ranger	Oil,Gas	
41	Mecca	Leisure	
42	Hawker Siddly (aa)	Industrials E-K	
43	Sketchley	Industrials S-Z	
44	Calor Gp	Oil,Gas	
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SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
96¾	93¾	Exch 2½% 1990	96¾	● ..	2.60	10.767
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 3% 1990	[illegible]	● ..	0.00	0.000
[illegible]	97	Treas 1990	[illegible]	● ..	[illegible]	11.669
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	[illegible]	● ..	[illegible]	13.507
97¾	[illegible]	Treas 10% 1990	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	12.404
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 1991	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	10.136
96	90%	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	91¾	● ..	[illegible]	11.849
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 1991	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	13.660
96¾	94¾	Treas C 10% 1991	[illegible]	..	11.4	14.118
97¾	89¾	Exch 11% 1991	[illegible]	..	11.9	14.750
[illegible]	97¾	Treas 11¾% 1991	[illegible]	●+¼	[illegible]	11.268
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 1992	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	13.724
91¾	85¾	Treas 1992	94	..	10.6	13.921
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 1992	[illegible]	..	10.6	11.245
97¾	[illegible]	Treas C10% 1992	[illegible]	..	10.6	13.734
100¾	92	Exch 12¼% 1992	[illegible]	..	12.9	13.632
101	97¾	Treas 12¾% 1992	[illegible]	..	13.5	13.578
103¾	94¾	Exch 13½% 1992	[illegible]	..	7.13	11.910
84¾	81¾	Fund 6% 1993	[illegible]	..	9.92	13.359
91¾	[illegible]	Treas 8¼% 1993	[illegible]	..	10.8	13.280
96¾	87	Treas 10% 1993	[illegible]	..	12.7	13.352
102¾	[illegible]	Treas 12¼% 1993	101¾	● ..	13.5	13.624
107¾	94	Treas 13¾% 1993	[illegible]	..	8.8	13.216
90¾	84¾	Treas 8¾% 1994	[illegible]	● ..	10.3	12.906
92¾	82¾	Treas 9% 1994	91	..	10.9	12.820
95¾	84	Treas 10% 1994	[illegible]	..	12.6	12.973
104¾	96	Exch 12½% 1994	101	..	13.3	13.101
107¾	94¾	Exch 13½% 1994	[illegible]	..	13.9	13.088
110¾	100¾	Treas 14½% 1994	104¾	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
		Gas 3% 1990-95	78	..	4.07	9.880
78¾	72¾	Exch 10¼% 1995	90¾	..	11.3	12.791
88¾	88	Treas 12% 1995	96¾	..	12.3	12.835
103	94¾	Treas 12¾% 1995	100	● ..	12.7	12.888
107¾	94¾	Treas 9% 1992-96	84¾	..	10.5	12.653
92	82¾	Treas 10% 1996	95	● ..	11.3	12.653
95¾	85¾	Conv 13¼% 1996	[illegible]	● ..	12.9	12.761
110¾	96	Exch 14% 1996	101¾	..	13.4	12.941
112¾	101¾	Treas 15¼% 1996	103¾	..	13.8	12.782
119¾	102¾	Treas 8¾% 1997	109¾	..	10.5	12.412
90¾	79¾	Treas 10½% 1997	82¾	..	11.5	12.606
98¾	87¾	Exch 13¼% 1997	90¾	..	12.9	12.759
111¾	98¾	Treas 15% 1997	101¾	..	13.6	12.833
120¾	102¾	Exch 6¾% 1995-98	109¾	..	9.2	12.195
80¾	69	Treas 9¾% 1998	73	-¼	11.2	12.490
95¾	83¾	Exch 12% 1998	88¾	● ..	12.3	12.594
107¾	88¾	Exch 15½% 1998	98¾	..	13.5	12.713
126	110¾	Treas 9½% 1999	113¾	..	11.0	12.237
95	82	Treas 10½% 1999	85¾	● ..	11.6	12.397
98	81¾	Conv 10¼% 1999	87¾	● ..	11.7	12.429
99¾	84¾	Treas 12¼% 1999	88¾	..	12.4	12.589
103¾	94¾	Exch 8½% 2000	98	..	10.6	12.068
88¾	75¾	Treas 9% 2000	78¾	-¼	10.8	12.072
91¾	78¾	Conv 13% 2000	82¾	-¼	12.6	12.532
114¾	98¾	Treas 9¾% 2001	102¾	-¼	11.4	12.150
95¾	85¾	Conv 10% 2001	86¾	-¼	11.4	12.187
97¾	82¾	Treas 10% 2001 a	88¾	-¼	[illegible]	[illegible]
91¾	82¾	Treas 14% 1998-01	105¾	●-¼	13.2	12.613
116¾	97¾	Treas 9% 2002	80¾	●-¼	11.1	11.978
91¾	78	Exch 9¾% 2002	85¾	-¼	11.4	12.047
98¾	81¾	Treas 10% 2002	85¾	-¼	11.4	12.039
97¾	84¾	Conv 10% 2003	87¾	-¼	11.4	11.876
98¾	82¾	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	106	-¼	12.9	12.601
118¾	102	Treas 3½% 1999-04	48¾	-¼	7.1	10.574
56¾	45¾	Fund 9½% 2004	84¾	-¼	11.2	11.741
95¾	79¾	Conv 10% 2004	87¾	●-¼	11.4	11.814
99¾	82	Treas 11½% 2001-04	94¾	-¼	12.0	12.331
105¾	90¾	Treas				
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
		Conv 9½% 2005	84¾	..	11.2	11.700
95¾	79¾	Exch 10½% 2005	91¾	..	11.4	11.665
103¾	88¾	Treas 12½% 2003-05	103¾	●-¼	12.0	11.941
116¾	95¾	Treas 8% 2002-06	73¾	+¼	10.7	11.521
84¾	69¾	Treas 8¾% 2007	78¾	+¼	10.8	11.388
89¾	75¾	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	99¾	..	10.9	11.290
111	93¾	Treas 9% 2008	82¾	..	11.9	11.943
93¾	77¾	Treas 13½% 2004-08	110¾	..	12.1	11.898
125	105¾	Treas 8% 2009	74¾	+¼	10.9	11.239
88¾	69¾	Treas 9% 2011	82	-¼	10.9	11.224
94	77¾	Conv 5½% 2008-12	54	-¼	10.0	10.984
63¾	50¾	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	71¾	-¼	10.8	11.142
82¾	67¾	Treas 12% 2013-17	105¾	●-¼	11.33	11.261
121¾	98¾	Exch				
UNDATED						
		Consols 2½%	22¾	-¼	8.2	..
25¾	20¾	Consols 3½%	37¾	..	..	..
61¾	55¾	Consols 4%	35¾	-¼	..	..
41	33¾	Treas 2½%	22¾	-¼	..	..
25¾	20¾	Treas 3%	26¾	-¼	..	..
32¾	27¾	War Ln 3½%	31¾	●-¼	..	..
38¾	28¾					
INDEX-LINKED						
114¾	110	Treas IL 2% 1992	114¾	●		
107	103¾	Treas IL 2% 1994	107			
158¾	150¾	Treas IL 2% 1996	156¾	+¼		
131¾	122¾	Treas IL 2½% 2001	127¾	●		
128¾	119¾	Treas IL 2½% 2003	124¾			
131¾	122	Treas IL 2% 2006	125¾	●+¼		
123	113¾	Treas IL 2½% 2009	117¾			
128¾	117¾	Treas IL 2½% 2011	122			
105¾	97¾	Treas IL 2½% 2013	101¾	+¼		
115¾	105¾	Treas IL 2½% 2016	109¾			
112¾	102¾	Treas IL 2½% 2020	106¾			
95¾	86	Treas IL 2½% 2024	89¾			

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
196	173	Abbey National (aa)	193	195	+1	10.3	5.3	10.5
282	215	Allied Irish	220	230	r +4	4.4	2.2	7.9
355	173	Anglo Gp	190	205	+5	3.3	4.7	20.2
61	68	Ansbacher (Henry)	67	72	..	..	..	..
303	219	Aus New Z	230	234	+1	..	..	..
18¾	14¾	Bankamerica	18¾	..	+¾	..	..	..
266	224	Bank of Ireland	235	242	+7	..	..	..
19¾	19¾	Bank Leumi Israel	18	21	..	..	..	8.7
345	234¾	Bank Leumi UK	335	355	..	20.0	5.8	7.8
125	105¾	Bank Of Scotland	111	112	●+2¾	6.1	5.5	14.4
54	30	Bank Of Wales	36	42	..	3.7	9.5	15.9
599	494	Barclays (aa)	535	539	+2	36.5	6.8	7.0
22	14	Beneficial	12	15	● ..	2.2	15.7	20.4
335	310	Brown Shipley	313	320	+2	14.7	4.6	7.8
103	48	Cariisle	52	55	..	6.7	12.4	11.7
455	362	Cater Allen	358	367	-1	31.3	8.6	7.6
186	50	Cattles	52	54	..	4.8	9.1	8.1
177	137	Chancery	133	140	-2	11.5	8.4	..
21¾	14¾	Chase Manhattan	15¾	..	●+¾	..	..	..
18¾	12¾	Citicorp	14¾	..	+¾	[illegible]	4.8	[illegible]
250	200	Close Bros	195	205	..	..	..	..
120¾	93¾	Commerzbank	105¾	..	+¾	..	..	..
313¾	262¾	Deutsche Bank	283¾	..	+3¾	17.3	[illegible]	8.1
345	184	First Nat Fin	195	202	..	0.3	1.4	..
25	17	GPG	20	24	..	..	..	..

BREWERIES

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
519	408	Allied-Lyons (aa)	448	452	-3	22.6	5.0	9.4
10¾	895	Bass (aa)	965	968	-4	37.8	3.8	16.8
170	130	Boddington	146	150	●+5	8.8	4.8	12.1
198	161	Bulmer (H P)	155	157	+2	8.5	5.5	15.6
227	197	Burtonwood Brew	192	202	-2	4.7	2.4	22.5
400	285	Clark (Matthew)	290	300	..	17.7	6.0	7.8
280	169	Devenish (JA)	167	173	..	6.2	3.6	12.1
115	78	Eldon DL	82	86	..	..	..	..
638	533	Grand Met (aa)	572	575	-13	23.7	4.1	12.2
349	285	Greenall Wht	309	311	+8	11.6	3.8	10.1
420	314	Greene King	355	357	+14	12.0	3.4	14.2
695	632	Guinness (aa)	672	675	●+1	20.4	3.0	13.1
955	900	Hardys & Hansons	805	815	+5	37.5	4.1	13.1
252	182	Highland Dist	205	210	●+3	5.5	2.6	20.0
480	360	Mansfield	375	385	..	14.2	3.7	12.3
222	140	Marston Thompson	139	143	-1	4.7	2.9	16.4
400	335	Morland	340	355	+8	13.7	3.9	11.9
736	470	SA Breweries	495	515	..	..	..	..
351	278	Scot & New (aa)	316	318	+6	16.2	5.1	13.7
329	200	Vaux Group	216	225	+10	11.0	5.0	11.9
427	350	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	400	403	+3	17.5	4.4	13.2
12¾	11¾	Do 'B'	12	13	..	17.5	1.4	41.2
420	339	Wolvrhmptn & D	350	368	+12	10.6	3.1	11.9
495	460	Young 'A'	456	478	..	14.7	3.2	27.7

ELECTRICALS

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
299	242	AB Elect	244	254	● ..	23.3	9.4	6.4
225	205	Admiral Comp	210	220	-2	4.7	2.2	13.3
78	59	Alba	56	61	● ..	5.8	9.8	8.0
36	3¾	Alphameric	4¾	6	r +¾	..	..	..
78	45	Aercrad (aa)	67	69	-1	1.9	2.8	7.5
94	67	Apricot Computers	69	71	-1	2.7	3.9	13.2
79	37	Arlen	35	40	..	4.4e	11.6	4.1
51	37	Astec	45	47	●+1	4.1	8.9	26.4
373	235	Auto Sec	275	279	● ..	5.7	2.1	12.5
240	182	Beale (Jones)	188	198	..	10.4	5.4	6.9
42	28	Bennett & Fountain	33	35	-1	..	..	..
486	393	BICC (aa)	400	405	●-2	25.3	6.3	8.2
22¾	172	Black	168	175	-2	8.8	5.1	9.3
10	6	Borland	9¾	10	+¾	..	..	..
208	168	Bowthorpe	194	197	●+3	6.7b	3.4	12.0
316	243	Br Telecom (aa)	265	267	+4	14.5	5.5	10.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
421	392	Alexon	408	412	+3	15.2	3.7	11.7
53	44	Amber Day	47	48¾	● ..	2.2	4.8	14.2
202	97	Aquascutum 'A'	104	106	..	4.0	2.0	31.3
80	44	Ashley (Laura)	39	62	..	1.1	1.8	..
415	380	Austin Reed	405	420	● ..	12.7	3.1	23.9
132	98	Beattie (James) 'A'	100	103	● ..	6.7	6.6	8.2
192	124	Bentalls	160	167	●+1	9.1	3.1	23.3
82	35	Blacks Leis	41	45	..	4.0	9.3	5.4
651	420	Body Shop	455	465	..	1.9	0.4	43.4
73	55	Bremner	68	70	..	2.7	4.2	..
73¾	47	Brown & Jackson	52	54	r +¾	1.3	2.5	7.3
185	139	Brown (N)	143	148	..	6.5	4.7	23.3
238	145	Burton (aa)	168	170	-1	12.5	7.4	8.8
103	88	Cantors 'A'	85	90	..	4.0	4.5	6.0
40	15	Casket plc	17	19	..	..	..	11.0
415	285	Church	280	290	+5	19.7	6.1	11.0
158	107	Coats Viyella (aa)	108	110	●+1	12.0	11.0	7.2
176	136	Courts Furnishers	153	158	..	6.7	4.3	11.2
488	433	DAKS Simpson 'A'	425	450	●+5	15.3	3.5	8.8
34¾	22	Dewhirst (IJ)	29	30¾	●+1	1.5	5.0	7.7
140	114	Dixons Grp (aa)	126	128	..	7.5	5.9	10.9
426	347	Dunhill	355	360	+3	6.0	1.7	20.7
47	12	ERA Gp	13	15	..	..	..	35.9
10¾	8¾	Etys (Wimbledon)	9¾	10	● ..	19.3	2.0	20.8
171	97	Empire Stores	114	116	-1	..	..	14.4
195	121	Etam	133	135	+5	8.8	6.5	8.1
291	173	Fine Art Dev	179	182	..	10.7	5.9	10.0
133	108	Fired Earth Tiles	108	113	●-2	3.0	2.7	9.1
345	338	Forminster	330	345	..	12.4	3.7	8.7
81	73	Gent SR	78	81	●+1	3.7	4.6	10.6
175	159	Glasser Grp	170	175	+2	1.0	0.6	..
109	34	Goldberg (A)	34	40	+1	..	..	..
15	13	GUS	13	14	..	..	..	..
11¾	880	Do 'A' (aa)	950	965	+8	43.3b	3.2	13.3
33	25	Helene Plc	26	28	..	43.3	4.5	9.5
125	110	Hepp Robinson plc	120	123	-1	2.6	10.2	5.7
42	30	Hollis	29	31	..	6.3	5.2	20.4
153	139¾	House Of Lerose	137	145	● ..	4.3	14.3	5.4
315	257	Kingfisher (aa)	265	268	+2	13.7	9.7	9.6
74	63	Leslie Wise Gp	64	67	..	15.3	5.2	10.2
455	425	Liberty	420	450	● ..	4.7	7.1	7.6
8	2¾	L. Quadsway	3	3¾	r -¾	7.9	1.8	16.5
214	182	Marks Spencer (aa)	204	205	+1	8.5	4.2	1.7
353	301	Menzies (John)	306	315	..	8.5	2.7	14.1
213	168	Moss Bros	167	177	● ..	6.7	3.9	11.8
108	62	Next (aa)	62	65	+1	6.3	9.8	10.5
200	180¾	Oliver (G)	178	188	..	7.7	4.2	..
110	89	Pentos	89	91	● ..	2.9	3.2	10.8
275	213	Ramars Group	227	229	+6	12.7	5.6	9.3
78	63	S & U Stores	70	75	..	8.0	11.0	8.8
119	85	Sears (aa)	89	91	+¾	7.2	8.0	4.1
388	282	Smith WH 'A' (aa)	305	309	+3	14.4	4.7	8.2
83	29	Sock Shop	..	..	..	..	..	11.3
125	98	Storehouse (aa)	105	107	● ..	11.7	11.0	..
136	115	T & S Stores	123	128	● ..	5.3	4.2	12.0
49	33	Tie Rack	33	36	..	1.0	2.9	14.5
202	149	Time Products	148	152	..	9.3	6.2	7.3
71	38	Vest	52	58	..	..	..	..
208	165	Wickes	183	187	● ..	5.3	2.9	8.8
112	63	Wilding Office	70	80	..	5.6	7.5	32.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
44	31	City Centre Rest	42	43	●-¾	1.7	4.0	11.4
305	230	Friendly Hotels	230	237	-1	4.5	1.9	7.8
347	259	Ladbroke (aa)	289	292	-3	13.1	4.5	12.0
73	60	Mount Charlotte	65	66	●-2¾	1.7	2.6	11.5
65	40	Principal Hotels	41	43	..	3.7	8.1	23.3
120	65	Queens Moat	86	88	●-1	3.0b	3.4	10.9
22¾	14¾	Resort Hotels	15¾	17	..	0.8	4.8	10.2
920	875	Savoy Hotels 'A'	890	930	..	9.5	1.0	31.0
89	68	Stakis	71	73	..	3.3	4.5	9.9
317	236	Trusthse Ft (aa)	283	285	●+6	10.3	3.6	11.5

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
93	60	Adscene	59	66	+1	8.0	13.1	5.5
216	183	BPP	197	212	● ..	9.7	4.7	15.2
180	125	Barbour Index	130	140	+5	7.3	5.4	12.5
480	385	Black (A&C)	475	485	● ..	17.3	3.6	15.4
370	285	Bristol	285	295	..	14.3	4.9	14.1
48	33	Burford	32	35	..	0.9	2.6	30.9
64	45	Daily Mail	48	50	..	13.8	2.7	19.2
61	45	Daily Mail 'A'	44¾	46¾	..	13.3	2.9	11.2
232	182	EMAP	210	213	+1	7.9	3.7	13.6
388	323	Euromoney Pub	325	340	+5	..	..	13.9
205	178	Gardner (DC)	180	190	●-2	9.7	3.0	15.2
230	210	Haynes Publishing	205	215	..	13.3	6.3	11.2
210	195	Home Counties	175	185	..	10.7	5.9	6.5
180	168	Intl Bus Comms	180	185	●+5	6.0f	6.7	6.5
491	350	Independent	370	385	..	..	..	..
145	142	Johnston Press	142	147	..	6.0	4.1	9.4
229	178	Maxwell Comm (aa)	181	183	+1	19.3	10.6	36.3
720	430	News Corp	455	470	-10	..	..	..
336	265	News Intl	265	275	-4	8.2	2.3	53.5
780	649	Pearson (aa)	690	700	●+4	28.7	4.1	10.4
315	207	Portsmouth Sund	210	240	..	10.2	3.8	8.2
464	378	Reed Intl (aa)	407	412	+3	16.8	4.1	13.3
95	75	Seaboeck	73	83	..	6.4	8.2	7.0
30	25	Spooner Int	32	35	●+¾	1.3b	3.8	3.3
885	675	Thomson Corp	690	720	..	..	..	..
223	170	Trinity Intl	168	178	..	9.8	5.5	8.4
470	285	Utd Newspapers (aa)	321	327	●-2	28.0	8.6	8.9

OILS, GAS

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
75	40	Aran Energy	51	53	+2	..	..	..
12¾	8¾	Atlantic Resources	8¾	9¾	..	..	..	..
40	34	Ass Oil & Gas	35	38	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Aviva Pet	36	39	+2¾	..	..	..
760	675	Br Borneo	670	680	..	32.0	4.7	19.7
244¾	195	British Gas (aa)	211	212	+3¾	12.6	8.0	18.8
351¾	282¾	Br Petroleum (aa)	323	325	●+6	20.3	6.3	9.7
697	525	Burmah (aa)	580	584	●+8	28.7	4.9	11.1
337	230	Cairn Energy	280	290	r ..	..	..	37.7
418	245	Calor Gp	260	265	●+4	16.0	6.1	20.8
18	11	Capson Oil	11	13	..	..	..	..
158	123	Century	124	127	+1	8.0	6.3	18.6
178	149	Clyde Pet	161	164	+2	1.5	0.9	..
678	582	Enterprise (aa)	613	615	●-8	17.3	2.8	21.5
225	205	Euro Comp Louisiana	203	208	..	..	..	..
108	87	Goal Pet	93	95	● ..	1.3	1.4	51.6
292	185	Gt Western Res	207	217	+15	5.0	2.4	..
22¾	17¾	Hamilton	19¾	..	+¾	..	..	..
210	183	Hardy O & G	180	184	+2	..	..	7.8
27	15¾	KCA Drilling	15¾	17¾	..	..	..	..
16	14	Kelt Energy	15	16	..	..	..	..
539	360	LASMO (aa)	396	402	s +6	10.0	2.5	27.5
170	130	Do Units	145	160	..	34.4	22.5	..
40¾	32¾	Monument	34¾	35	+¾	..	..	29.7
25¾	17¾	New London	20	22	+¾	..	..	..
26¾	19	Nth Sea Assets	20	23	..	..	..	68.7
39	28	Oil Search	27	32	-2	..	..	..
74	47	Pentoco	47	52	● ..	1.7	3.4	10.6
14	8	Petrel	5	7	..	..	..	..
121	87	Premier	89	93	+¾	..	..	82.6
575	413	Presidio	450	460	● ..	..	..	..
413	334	Ranger	382	..	+5	..	..	..
50¾	43¾	Royal Dutch FIS	46¾	..	+¾	..	..	..
485	424	Shell (aa)	453	456	●+4	24.5	5.4	14.2
204	168	Sovereign	170	172	..	..	..	..
7	5	Target Res P/P	5	6	..	..	..	..
235	161	Tolson Europe	165	173	..	..	..	..
395	317	Ultramar (aa)	335	338	●-4	12.0	3.6	13.8
183	129	Woodside	131	135	+1	..	..	..

SHOES, LEATHER

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
76	47	Headlam	42	50	..	3.2	6.8	5.5
181	158	Lambert Howarth	172	177	●-1	13.3	7.6	7.3
141	83	Pinard Garner	38	41	..	8.1	9.8	..
140	38	Strong & Fisher	38	41	..	8.2	21.0	11.4
312	300	Stylo	303	312	-5	9.3	3.0	21.1

TOBACCOS

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
853	671	BAT (aa)	691	695	s +12	40.0	5.8	18.9
165	142	FJ Carroll	140	147	-1	..	..	..
694	597	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	665	673	..	18.4	2.5	12.2

TRANSPORT

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
303	259	Assoc Br Ports	270	273	s +3	8.3	3.1	12.4
414	367	BAA (aa)	398	402	+1	13.3	3.3	14.3
240	193	Br Airways (aa)	201	203	+1	10.7	5.3	8.1
445	330	Caledonia	345	355	+5	14.0	4.0	17.9
351	200	Clarkson (H)	227	232	+1	10.0	3.8	10.8
785	355	Davies & Newman	550	600	+150	10.7	1.9	..
733	485	Eurotunnel Units	505	525	-10	..	..	..
45	34	Eurotunnel Warrants	33	35	-¾	..	..	..
151	121	Fisher (James)	145	150	..	6.7	4.6	11.3
198	165	Gotaas	150	160	-15	6.0	3.9	32.2
75	64	Jacobs (JI)	69	72	●+3	5.7	8.0	28.0
167	135	Lep	165	168	+3	8.0	4.8	10.8
30	23¾	Manchester Ship	24¾	28¾	..	..	..	28.1
205	133	Mersey Docks	194	198	+1	5.6	2.8	26.0
175	118	NFC	122	125	s +2	6.9	5.5	11.8
359	312	Ocean Group	333	340	●+7	17.9	5.3	32.6
55	40	Ocean Wilson	42	47	+2	3.3	7.3	4.6
665	581	P & O Dfd (aa)	575	580	●+5	39.3	6.8	11.2
98	83	P & O 5½%	83	86	..	7.3	8.5	..
400	315	Powell Duffryn	333	338	+1	28.1	8.9	8.4
708	455	Ruscipan (Walter)	680	700	● ..	20.9	2.9	11.6
212	148	TIP Europe	148	152	●+1	6.8	4.5	10.8
144	108	TNT	112	118	..	..	..	..
303	257	Tibbet & Britten	257	267	● ..	10.0	3.8	14.0
578	432	Tiphook	475	489	+2	10.1	2.1	14.0
249	185	Transport Dev	203	206	+6	12.7	6.2	13.6
245	185	Turnbull Scott	185	205	..	11.1	5.7	10.1

WATER

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
160¾	140¾	Anglian Water	151	153	+¾	20.4	13.4	3.7
190	148	Northumbrian	182	185	+4	21.4	13.0	3.8
172	137	North West	151	152	+1	21.0	13.9	3.5
180	122	Severn Trent	131	133	..	19.8	15.0	2.5
171	128	Sthrn Water	128	130	..	15.0	11.6	2.9
202	141	South West	164	167	+1	17.4	10.5	2.7
171	127	Thames Water	136	138	..	19.4	14.2	3.2
196	142	Welsh Water	158	160	+1	22.4	14.1	3.3
189	137	Wessex Water	148	151	+2	20.3	13.5	3.2
196	142	Yorkshire Water	164	167	+4	20.6	12.4	3.3
£1735	£1000	Package Unit	£1465	..	+47	..	..	..

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt/Fixed	102.8	109.0	+0.4	10.09
High Inc Equity	129.5	137.8	+0.4	4.81
W'wide Bond	193.9	205.4	-0.2	8.26
Amer Growth	188.9	202.1	+1.7	1.15
Asian Pacific	138.9	147.8	-0.3	0.00
Assets/Earns	147.2	157.5	+0.2	3.08
Capit Res	90.88	91.01	+0.09	6.59
Comm/Energy	96.5	103.3	-1.4	0.00
Euro Capit	102.1	109.2	-0.5	0.87
General	164.8	176.1	-0.8	2.84
Japan	102.5	109.7	+1.3	0.00
UK Gth Inc	109.2	115.8	+0.1	2.80
Do Acc	165.7	177.3	+0.2	1.83
US Emerg Cos	56.50	60.43	+0.81	0.00
Income/Gth	282.2	301.9	+0.4	5.40
Masterfd Acc	89.11	95.31	+0.20	1.55
Am Inc	50.98	54.53	+0.77	5.02
Ethical	46.37	49.34	+1.40	2.03
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL				
High Inc	333.1	354.7	-0.2	5.22
Equity Inc	182.3	194.1	..	5.28
High Yield	190.8	202.9	+0.2	5.62
Balanced	471.9	502.5	-0.2	3.80
Am Inc	33.66	35.84	-0.03	4.45
World Ass Val	35.17	37.36	+0.17	1.10
Japan	152.5	161.5	+1.8	0.01
Sec of Am	262.0	278.0	-0.1	0.36

The prices in this section refer to Tuesday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THIRD MARKET

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 87.4 (day's range 87.1-87.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for May 16

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6675-1.6790	1.6770-1.6790	0.94-0.92pr	2.80-2.78pr
Montrl	1.9626-1.9756	1.9719-1.9756	0.23-0.17pr	0.52-0.42pr
Amstrdm	3.0932-3.1071	3.0949-3.0984	1⅛-1⅛pr	5⅛-4⅞pr
Brussels	56.87-57.28	56.87-57.07	25-22pr	74-69pr
Copnhgn	10.5169-10.5692	10.5313-10.5544	3¾-3⅜pr	11⅛-10⅝pr
Dublin	1.0277-1.0314	1.0288-1.0298	35-29pr	97-88pr
Frankft	2.7525-2.7648	2.7553-2.7586	1⅝-1½pr	4⅝-4⅜pr
Lisbon	243.71-245.39	243.82-244.81	5-24ds	37-73ds
Madrid	172.42-173.28	172.45-172.87	9-1pr	29-13pr
Milan	2024.75-2031.36	2025.42-2030.15	4-3pr	15-13pr
Oslo	10.7053-10.7585	10.7276-10.7508	2⅝-2⅜pr	9⅝-9⅛pr
Paris	9.2855-9.3281	9.2855-9.2995	4⅛-4pr	12⅝-12⅛pr
Stckhlm	10.0457-10.1053	10.0751-10.0979	2-1⅝pr	6⅛-5⅝pr
Tokyo	253.04-255.25	254.32-254.64	1⅝-1½pr	5-4⅞pr
Vienna	19.38-19.45	19.38-19.41	11⅛-10⅝pr	33-30⅝pr
Zurich	2.3412-2.3521	2.3478-2.3508	1⅛-1⅛pr	3⅜-3⅝pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	8057.28-8126.85
Australia dollar	2.1934-2.1977
Bahrain dinar	0.6245-0.6325
Brazil cruzado*	84.7693-84.8030
Cyprus pound	0.7750-0.7850
Finland marka	6.5090-6.5760
Greece drachma	270.65-273.85
Hong Kong dollar	13.0640-13.0736
India rupee	28.78-29.06
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4820-0.4880
Malaysia ringgit	4.5297-4.5342
Mexico peso	4600-4700
New Zealand dollar	2.9233-2.9302
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.2115-6.2935
Singapore dollar	3.1058-3.1104
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5921-6.7280
S Africa rand (com)	4.4248-4.4326
U A E dirham	6.0825-6.1625

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.6275-1.6290	Denmark	6.2840-6.2890	Italy	1206.0-1207.0
Singapore	1.8515-1.8525	W Germany	1.6400-1.6410	Belgium (Com)	34.02-34.07
Malaysia	2.6995-2.7005	Switzerland	1.3977-1.3984	Hong Kong	7.7855-7.7865
Australia	1.3080-1.3097	Netherlands	1.8475-1.8485	Portugal	146.25-146.45
Canada	1.1750-1.1760	France	5.5325-5.5375	Spain	102.90-103.00
Sweden	6.0065-6.0115	Japan	151.90-152.00	Austria	11.55-11.56
Norway	6.4025-6.4075				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 14½ Low 13⅞ Week fixed: 14¼
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 14⅜ 3 mth – 14⁹⁄₁₆
Selling: 2 mth – 14⁹⁄₁₆ 3 mth – 14¹⁷⁄₃₂
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth 14¹¹⁄₁₆-14⅝
2 mth: 14⁷⁄₃₂-14⅝ 3 mth: 14⁹⁄₁₆-¹⁷⁄₃₂ 6 mth 14⁷⁄₃₂-⁵⁄₃₂
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15⁵⁄₁₆
2 mth: 15¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth. 15⁵⁄₁₆ 6 mth 14²⁷⁄₃₂
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 14½ close 13⅞
1 week 14¹³⁄₁₆-¾ 1 mth: 14²¹⁄₃₂-14⅝ 3 mth: 15¹⁄₃₂-15⅛
6 mth: 15¹¹⁄₃₂-¼ 9 mth: 15⅝-15⅛ 12 mth: 15¹³⁄₃₂-15⅝
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 14⅝ 7 day: 14⅞ 1 mth: 14⅝
3 mth: 15⅛ 6 mth: 15⁵⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 15⅝
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 14³¹⁄₃₂-²⁹⁄₃₂
3 mth: 15⁵⁄₃₂-³⁄₃₂ 6 mth: 15¼-15⁵⁄₁₆ 12 mth 15⅜-15⁵⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.27-8.22
3 mth: 8.35-8.30 6 mth: 8.45-8.40 12 mth 8.70-8.65
Building Society CDs (%)
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ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 30, 1990. Agreed rates May 26, 1990 to June 25, 1990. Scheme I: 15.94 per cent. Schemes II & III: 16.49 per cent. Reference rate March 31, 1990 to April 30, 1990. Scheme IV & V: 15.247 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar: Call: 8¼-7⅛	8³⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆	8⅜-8⅛	8⅜-8¼	8⁹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆
Deutschemark: Call: 8-7	8-7⅞	8¹⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆	8¼-8⅛	8⁹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆
French Franc: Call: 9⅝-8⅞	9⅜-9⅛	9⅜-9⅛	9¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	9¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆
Swiss Franc: Call: 9⅛-8⅛	8⅜-8⅛	8⅝-8⅜	8⅝-8⅜	8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆
Yen: Call: 7⅛-6⅞	7³⁄₁₆-7¹⁄₁₆	7⅜-7⅛	7⅜-7¼	7⁷⁄₁₆-7⁵⁄₁₆

GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)

Open: $369.50-370.00 Close: $369.75-370.25
High: $370.00-370.50 Low: $369.25-369.75

GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex VAT)

Britannia: $375.00-380.00 (£223.00-226.00)
Krugerrand: $369.00-372.00 (£219.50-221.50)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $375.00-380.00 (£223.00-226.00)
American Eagles: $375.00-380.00 (£223.00-226.00)
New Sovereigns: $86.50-88.50 (£51.50-53.00)
Old Sovereigns: $86.50-88.50 (£51.50-53.00)

PRECIOUS METALS

Platinum pm fix: $484.65 (£288.90)
Palladium pm fix: $118.75 (£70.80)
Spot Silver: $5.03-5.05 (£2.990-3.005)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 24114		
Jun 90	2248.0	2274.8	2248.0	2258.0	4817
Sep 90	2298.0	2311.5	2297.0	2300.0	248
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 171952		
Jun 90	84.79	84.82	84.79	84.81	1492
Sep 90	85.03	85.09	85.00	85.04	17124
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 34807		
Jun 90	91.59	91.61	91.58	91.60	1406
Sep 90	91.51	91.54	91.50	91.51	3051
Three Month Euro DM			Previous open interest 70381		
Jun 90	91.60	91.68	91.58	91.68	2516
Sep 90	91.19	91.28	91.16	91.28	8171
Three month ECU			Previous open interest 3686		
Jun 90	88.51	88.52	88.51	88.51	35
Sep 90	89.42	89.48	89.42	89.48	65
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 4847		
Jun 90	92-08	92-19	92-03	92-03	2647
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 37788		
Jun 90	80-28	81-16	80-18	81-03	38206
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 819		
Sep 90	95.60	95.88	95.60	95.88	145
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 71554		
Jun 90	82.40	83.15	82.30	82.84	48860
Sep 90	82.05	82.80	82.05	82.55	4261

COMMODITIES

London Oil Reports

Crude weakened thanks to a build in crude oil inventories and less Opec sabre rattling. Products trade was slow with little impetus from the futures market. Prices were little changed but gasoline sentiment remained bullish.

CRUDE OILS (\$/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	17.20	-10
15 day Jun	17.65	-20
15 day Jul	17.85	-15
WTI Jun	19.25	-25
WTI Jul	19.65	-15

PRODUCTS Buy/sell \$/MT. Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	+1	229-232	+1
Gasoil EEC		154-155	-1
Non 1H Jun		155-158	
Non 1H Jul		157-158	
3.5 Fuel Oil	-1	72-74	-1
Naphtha		155-157	+1

IPE FUTURES — GAS OIL AMT Futures

Jun	153.75-54.25
Jul	154.25-54.50
Aug	156.00-56.50
Sep	158.25-58.50
Oct	160.25-61.00
Nov	162.75-63.50
Dec	164.00-64.25
Vol	3580

BRENT AMT Futures

Jul	17.86-17.88
Aug	17.87-17.59
Vol	6725

BIFFEX — GW Freight Futures Dry Cargo (\$10/pt)

May 90	Hi 1315-1305	Low	Close 1315
Jun 90	Hi 1250-1235	Low	Close 1244
Jul 90	Hi 1135-1130	Low	Close 1135
Oct 90	Hi 1249-1240	Low	Close 1246

Vol 355 lots Open interest 3890
Dry cargo index 1305 same

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	126.5	120.3
Feb	143.0	139.5
Apr	183.0	174.0
May	198.0	193.5

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LONDON FOX

COCOA	**AMT Futures**
May 925-929	Mar 992-993
Jul 943-944	May 1006-1007
Sep 957-958	Jul 1018-1019
Dec 976-977	Vol 7214
COFFEE	**AMT Futures**
May 644-647	Jan 705-707
Jul 667-668	Mar 716-719
Sep 680-681	May 729-735
Nov 696-697	Vol 5685
SUGAR FOB	**C Czarnikow Vol: 2709**
Aug 331.0-30.6	Mar 312.0-11.8
Oct 329.0-28.4	May 311.4-10.0
Dec 325.4-15.4	Aug 309.2-08.2

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 307
My 121.35 Jn 122.20 Sp 114.30
Nv 117.70 Ja 120.85 Mr 123.90
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 31
My 104.00 Sp 112.25 Nv 116.10
Ja 119.60 Mr 122.40 My 123.40

SOYABEAN	**AMT Futures**
Jun 122.0-23.5	Oct 123.5-24.0
Aug 121.5-22.5	Dec 128.0-31.0

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1585.0-1586.0	1502.0-1503.0	626775	Steady
Lead	492.5-493.5	485.0-486.5	62375	Steady
Zinc Spec Hi*	1749.0-1751.0	1690.0-1695.0	162375	Brly Stdy
Tin*	6445.0-6450.0	6550.0-6560.0	6175	Brly Stdy
Aluminium Hi*	1515.0-1518.0	1540.0-1541.0	340375	Easier
Nickel*	8500.0-8510.0	8500.0-8525.0	24834	Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz). * (\$ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jun	125.8	125.7
Aug	119.0	118.6
Oct	120.3	120.5
Nov	120.0	119.8

Live Cattle Contract

Apr	unq	112.0
Jun	unq	112.0
Aug	unq	115.0

Vol Pig-70 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on May 16

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	100.76	212.07	108.74
GB (+/-)	+4.82	+6.99	-1.84
Eng/Wal (%)	+3.7	+5.3	+14.9
Eng/Wal (p)	100.76	211.39	108.53
Eng/Wal (+/-)	+4.82	+6.01	-2.29
Scotland (%)	n/a	+44.2	+19.1
Scotland (p)	n/a	219.28	109.50
Scotland (+/-)	n/a	+18.54	-0.14

* Estimated dead carcase weight

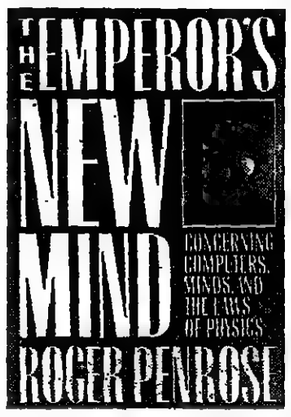
● SCIENCE: WORLD GROWTH
● TECHNOLOGY: PLASTIC PROJECT

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Putting the mind over matter

The Emperor's New Mind by Professor Roger Penrose yesterday won the Science Book Prize. **Pearce Wright** reports on his reactionary thesis on human minds

Professor Roger Penrose and Dr Arno Allan Penzias share the same page for their entries in *Who's Who 1990*. They have other distinctions in common. When exploring the Milky Way in 1964 with a radio telescope at the AT&T Bell Telephone Laboratories, in New Jersey, Dr Penzias and colleague Robert Wilson detected a persistent radio "noise" coming from any direction to which they pointed their microwave radio receiver.



Their discovery of the background microwave radiation of the universe or "the cosmic whisper" as it is also known, which won them a Nobel prize, is still the most compelling evidence to support the theory of the Big Bang creation of the universe.

The finding confirmed earlier predictions that, if the Big Bang theory was to hold good, a gigantic flash of radiation would have been released to permeate the expanding universe and a tell-tale relic of the event should still exist.

At Oxford, as holder of the prestigious post of Rouse Ball Professor of Mathematics, Roger Penrose is one of the leading scholars at the frontier of astrophysics and mathematics, identifying and assembling other major pieces of the jigsaw of the universe in the shapes of black holes, quasars, pulsars and superstrings.

Professor Penrose has revealed many of the properties of black holes, which occur when large stars collapse and reach a density such that even light cannot escape from their interior; it remains trapped by a huge gravitational force.

When the light becomes trapped, the scientists call the condition the "event horizon".

Professor Penrose – who collaborated on studies of black holes and gravitation with Stephen Hawking, Cambridge mathematician and author of the best-seller *A Brief History of Time* – has suggested that the event horizon stops scientists "peering" into the centre of a black hole. Scientists are also prevented from seeing a version of the ultimate catastrophe, the re-collapse, or end, of the universe.

Dr Penzias and Professor Penrose, even with their respective, clear ideas of the origin and the destiny of the universe, albeit described in mathematical terms as the ultimate space-time singularity, believe there are unsolved mysteries to the basic laws of physics that are deeper than their colleagues will concede.

When I interviewed Dr Penzias last year he had no hesitation in citing the biblical text on divine Creation in stating there was nothing before the Big Bang.

Conversely, Professor Penrose takes no account of religion or other form of metaphysics in his examination of the miracle of consciousness that forms the centrepiece for his award-winning book, *The Emperor's New Mind*.

Indeed, his proposition is that an understanding of mind is inextricably bound up with understanding problems in modern physics. Moreover, he throws down the gauntlet to his contemporaries in a wide-ranging examination of the big mysteries of science and philosophy.

He opens the discussion by challenging a cherished belief among scientists that, given time, they will eventually create a machine capable of thinking and feeling like a human.

His thesis is a major assault on the evangelists for "strong AI" (artificial intelligence).

Professor Penrose's offensive rests on the argument that he finds many areas of science wanting and that new, deeper laws of physics are needed before the question of the mind can be tackled.

Yet his attack on the disciples of AI might seem more appropriate to have come from the psychologists and psychoanalysts probing the nature of consciousness, or the neurobiologists who confront daily the mystifying questions of how the interconnections of the brain work.

Professor Penrose says the book was inspired by the conviction that we shall not understand how our brains work until we have a better understanding of physics.

Recent advances in computer technology has lent new impetus, even urgency, to the issue, according to Professor Penrose, who believes the question touches upon deep issues of philosophy.

"What does it mean to think or to feel? What is a mind? Do minds really exist?" Assuming they do, he asks: "To what extent are minds functionally dependent upon the physical structures with which they are associated? Might minds be able to exist quite independently of such structures? Or are they simply the functionings of physical structure?"

'What does it mean to think or to feel? What is a mind? Do minds really exist? Are minds subject to the laws of physics? To what extent are minds functionally dependent upon physical structures?'

Finally, Professor Penrose inquires: "Why, in any case, is it necessary that the relevant structures be biological in nature (ie. brains), or might minds equally well be associated with pieces of electronic equipment? Are minds subject to the laws of physics? What indeed are the laws of physics?"

Since his own research has benefited from the enormous increase in computer power, Professor Penrose seems an unlikely reactionary in the revolutionary world of computer science.

He is also well known for an ability to bring seemingly abstruse mathematical ideas into the arena of practical consumerism.

He rejects the idea that the sum of human knowledge can be reduced to a set of systematic rules that computer scientists know as algorithms and which they believe could be programmed into computers to mimic the human ability to think.

While Professor Penrose recognizes the extraordinary advances in programming machines to work as robots, and to be taught to outplay a chess grandmaster, he insists human thinking, with its ability for insight and flashes of inspiration, contains elements that are eminently "knowable" in the area of work by mathematicians but not "computable".

Few of his contemporaries would dispute that great gaps exist in our knowledge of physics generally. Yet it is those deficiencies that sustains Professor Penrose's argument that considerations of black holes and Big Bang have a direct bearing on the issues of understanding the mind and consciousness.

Scientific ideas reflect and mould the attitudes and needs of their time. *The Emperor's New Mind* is an account of a dazzling journey that has shaped today's received wisdoms, involving, among others, Maxwell, Galileo, Newton, Einstein, Planck, Dirac, Heisenberg and Schrödinger.

As Professor Penrose traces their travels, it becomes apparent in one sense that there is no final and absolute position embodied in scientific laws.

Laws of science are not so much proved, though they can be firmly disproved; rather, they are survivors forming an accepted body of knowledge that stands up to the present state of experiment and theory.

New philosophies which revolutionized and established the current concepts of biology, medicine, chemistry, geology, technology, physics and mathematics flowed from fundamental discoveries at the start of the century: X-rays, radioactivity, subatomic particles, relativity and quantum theory among them.

Yet Professor Penrose asserts modern science cannot provide a coherent explanation of the natural world. The twin icons of 20th century physics, quantum theory and general relativity, are incompatible.

He says: "We know that at the sub-microscopic level of things the quantum laws hold sway; but at the level of cricket balls, it is classical physics. Somewhere in between we need to understand how the quantum world merges with the classical physics of the world we see and feel."

More important, Professor Penrose believes, "we shall need this new law if we are ever to understand minds".

"It will require some radical, different ideas about space and time," he says. "Most of the effort in physics has been in pursuit of the very small, building larger and larger particle accelerators to achieve the higher energies. It has been unfashionable to look at quantum theory. But this is a huge area and we are due for a revolution."

He speculates that the way forward lies in the creation of a new theory of "quantum gravity", which he believes might shed light on the phenomenon of human consciousness and thus help explain the operation of our minds.

But in the end, his argument, which depends on a challenge to strong AI, begs the question: if we don't understand the phenomenon of consciousness, how can we be sure it cannot be enjoyed by a machine?

● The Emperor's New Mind, (*Oxford University Press £20*). *The Science Book Prize was established in 1986 by the Science Museum and the Committee for the Public Understanding of Science, formed by the Royal Society, the Royal Institution and the British Association for the Advancement of Science.*

The serpent link with man

A new study which has resulted in the reclassification of a fossil found in Texas in 1908 could give the missing links between reptiles and mammals

The four-inch-long skull of a fossil reptile that was first described in 1908 could represent a missing link in the line to mammals, including man.

The skull is the only known specimen of an animal called *Tetraceratops insignis*, and has languished in the American Museum of Natural History in New York since its discovery.

For more than 80 years, Tetraceratops has been classified as a pelycosaur, one of a group of primitive and very ancient reptiles that also included the familiar Dimetrodon, a fierce predator with a "sail" on its back, supported by grotesquely extended vertebral spines.

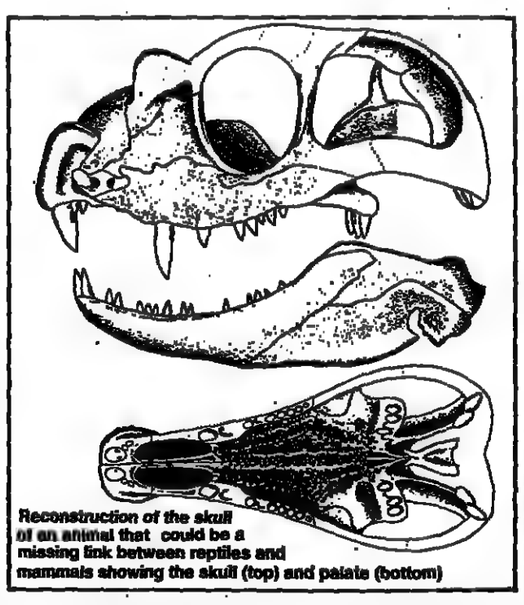
But a new study in today's *Nature* magazine by graduate student Michel Laurin and Professor Robert R. Reisz, of the University of Toronto, in Ontario, shows that Tetraceratops is not a pelycosaur: it is better seen as a therapsid, one of a more advanced class of extinct reptile thought to be directly ancestral to mammals.

The pelycosaurs evolved and diversified not long after reptiles appeared. The fossil of "Lizzie", the earliest-known reptile, on display at the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, until May 27, was alive about 340 million years ago.

Pelycosaurs appeared not long after this and, for a while, were the most significant predators. But their reign was brief: they were extinct after just 50 million years.

Many researchers have connected the pelycosaurs with therapsids. These emerged at about the same time as the pelycosaurs became extinct and, according to most current thinking, therapsids evolved from primitive pelycosaur ancestors, and mammals evolved, in turn, from the therapsids. However, the gap between pelycosaurs and therapsids has been large. Therapsids were relatively advanced creatures with features – such as differentiated teeth – that clearly link them with mammals.

The other problem is both geographical and historical, says Dr Alec Panchen, reader in Vertebrate Palaeontology at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne.



Reconstruction of the skull of an animal that could be a missing link between reptiles and mammals showing the skull (top) and palate (bottom)

Nearly all known therapsids come from Africa and Eurasia: the first ones to be discovered were soon recognized as having something to do with the ancestry of mammals. The pelycosaur heartland, however, is in the Red Beds of Texas.

Pelycosaurs were seen, quite simply, as reptiles. Because of the geographical separation, therapsid workers and pelycosaur workers rarely met, and tended to think along different lines.

The connection came only when anatomists realized that the disposition of the cheek bones is, to some extent, similar in both groups. But the lack of a fossil-form intermediate between the two – a missing link – has been "a big puzzle", says Professor Reisz. So when Tetraceratops was discovered in the Texan rocks that had already yielded Dimetrodon and its relatives, it was classified as a pelycosaur – nobody thought to compare it with therapsids.

The concept of a therapsid in North America was "totally alien", says Professor Reisz, and in 1908 there were no tools adequate to work on it.

Mr Laurin has spent a year chipping away the rock with modern dental drills, revealing parts of the skull that had never before been seen. These show that Tetraceratops, although it has some archaic pelycosaur features, has about it a distinct air of therapsidness.

This enigmatic fossil could be the missing link between the earliest reptiles and man. Not that the question has been solved – far from it. However, some palaeontologists think that to arrange fossils in sequences of ancestor and descendant is philosophically suspect.

To do so, they say, prejudices the researcher against any other ideas about evolutionary change and ancestry. Brian Gardiner, professor of Vertebrate Palaeontology at King's College, London, sees the transition from reptiles to mammals as the worst manifestation of this line of thinking.

Tom Kemp, of the University of Oxford, sees the transition for what it appears to be, but still thinks that there are other, more intriguing gaps to be filled. The leap from pelycosaur to therapsid, from one kind of reptile to another, is one thing: the division between reptiles and mammals "may be a bigger gap than many of us care to admit", he says.

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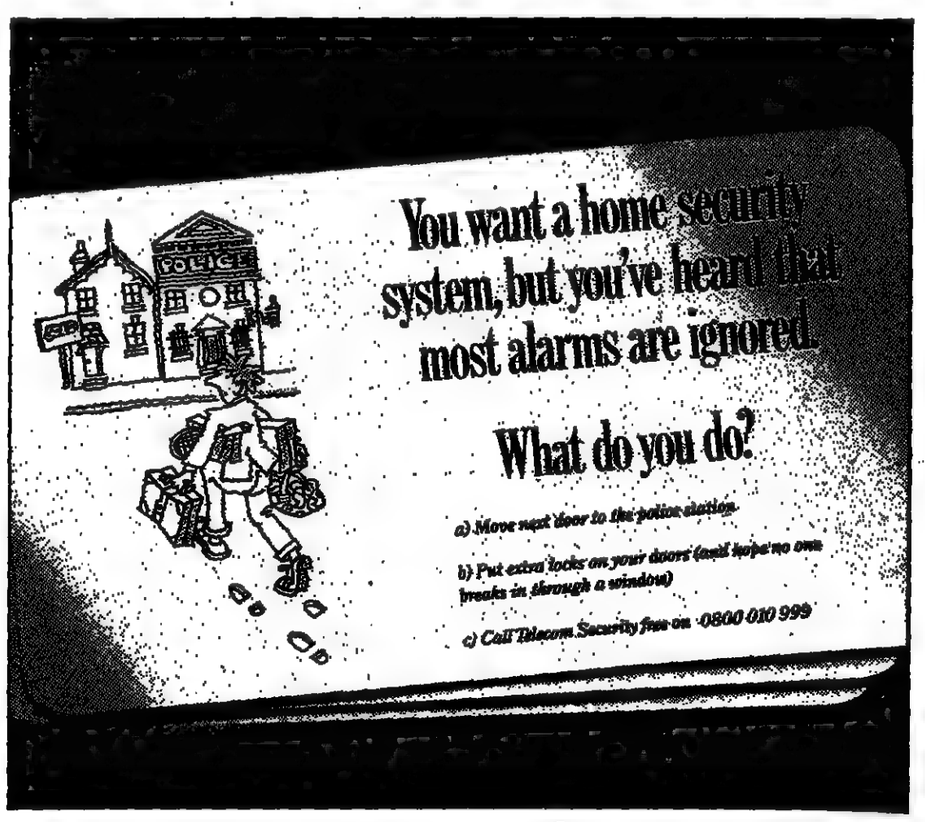

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Not wasting our rubbish

Plastic waste is of increasing concern to environmentalists. John Newell looks at the latest methods of recycling

Plastic waste is a major concern for environmentalists. In Britain, it makes up about 8 per cent of dustbin contents by weight but up to 20 per cent by volume.

Plastic waste is light enough to blow about in the wind and is often brightly coloured, making it a very visible form of pollution. Unlike paper waste, plastic is so resistant to decay that it is likely to remain intact for centuries in landfill sites.

Although such waste is non-toxic, increasing quantities in landfill sites may trap methane gas, formed by decaying rubbish, allowing dangerous and potentially explosive concentrations to accumulate.

The arguments used by the plastics industries to defend their products – that plastics are light, durable, versatile and resistant to moisture and decay, which is what the consumer wants – are also good arguments for recycling plastics, not only to reduce their impact on the environment, but because they represent materials too valuable to throw away after just one use.

Making plastics biodegradable is the obvious solution, but it would add substantially to the cost of the materials. There are also problems in timing biodegradation to prevent plastics crumbling away while still in use.

Recycling is another solution but, again, there are problems. More than 20,000 carbonated drinks bottles made of PET plastic – polyethylene terephthalate – are needed to make one ton of new plastic.

Another problem is that plastic waste is usually a mixture of several forms of plastic, which should be recycled separately because of their different properties.

High-density polyethylene used for domestic chemical bottles and bottle caps, low-density polyethylene used for bags and bin liners, polyvinyl chloride used for blister packs and food trays, polystyrene used in egg cartons and yoghurt pots, and polypropylene used in margarine tubs and crisp packets, as well as PET, all have different properties which would be degraded by uncontrolled mixing.

However, there is hope that more and more plastics can and will be recycled. One reason is the effect of the environmental movement on public opinion.

In November last year in Brussels, the Association of European Plastics Manufacturers set up a Plastic Waste Management Institute to fund and organize research and development of techniques for plastic waste collection, treatment and recycling.

In Sheffield, in work sponsored by the British Plastics Federation, plastics are being taken by householders to nine waste banks set up in the city, while 500 houses have "blue bins" for separating domestic wastes into plastics, cans, glass, paper and batteries.

Mark Powell, the plastics recycling project manager for the British Plastics Federation, whose project is part of Scrap – Sheffield Community Recycling Action Project – says that large-scale plastics recycling can be economic because the public is willing to put in the effort required to separate plastic waste.

At a big warehouse provided by Sheffield City Council, Mr Powell and a team of dedicated helpers have found it is easy to sort the waste delivered into different types of plastics, ready for collection to be recycled.

A second-stage recycling project, also sponsored by the British Plastics Federation, in collaboration with Salford University and Manchester City Council, is based on recycling plastics from dirty mixed waste, the state in which it leaves a dustbin at a landfill site.

This study is at an early stage, but a number of techniques have already been developed for separating different plastics from each other and other wastes.

Paper can be separated by wetting it, making it heavier than plastics. Different plastics can be separated by liquids of varying densities, chosen so that one plastic floats while another sinks.

A breakthrough in separating mixed plastics comes from a "compatibilizer" called Bennet, invented by a Dutch engineer, Ben van der Groep, and described by a leading recycling expert, Ian Cooper, editor of *Materials Reclamation Weekly*, as "perhaps the key to large-scale plastics recycling in years to come".

Bennet is made of a mixture at the molecular level of small bits of polymers – long chain molecules – made of other plastics and other chemicals.

The product is a large complex molecule with different "arms", each compatible with, and able to latch on to, a different polymer in a melted down mix of plastics. The result is similar to an alloy of different plastics.

Bennet is already being widely used, although largely in secret because manufacturers do not want to be known to be using recycled plastics.

Tests suggest it will be possible to use it to produce not only low-grade products – traffic cones and plant pots made from recycled materials – but also high-grade products such as vehicle bumpers. These can be produced by adjusting the ingredients in the recycled mix.

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The public will support plastic recycling: Mark Powell, project manager for the British Plastics Federation

Doctors are finding indicators of potential health problems, such as heart disease or strokes, in detailed infant records

Baby clues for the future adult

DOCTORS are learning how to compile long-range health forecasts of the adults of tomorrow by studying clues provided by today's children.

A baby's weight at birth, the health of its mother during pregnancy, and whether it is breast-fed can influence future risks of heart conditions and other illnesses, while emotional traumas can make some children grow up to be social misfits, experts said at an international conference in London this week.

"It is becoming apparent that the way in which babies grow and develop may have a major effect on their risk of dying of coronary heart disease or a stroke when they become adults," Professor David Barker, of Southampton University, said at the conference, organized by the Ciba Foundation.

"The emerging message is that the health of girls and young women today is of pivotal importance to the health of the next generation."

Studies of 5,000 men born about 70 years ago in Hertfordshire, where unusually detailed birth records were maintained and are still available, show that those with higher weights at birth and at one year of age have much lower death rates from heart disease.

These rates have been higher in northern industrial towns and less-affluent rural areas of England and Wales, and are linked to the poor nutrition and health of mothers and poor growth of their babies, according to Professor Barker, of the Medical Research Council's environmental epidemiology unit at Southampton. The unit is now studying how growth in foetal and infant life is associated with blood pressure and blood clotting in adulthood.

Low birthweight babies are more likely to become shorter than average adults and more prone to infections and allergies, said Professor Ranjit Chandra, of Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's, Canada.

Breast-feeding appeared to confer more protection against infections than formula feeds, by transferring antibodies from mother to child, he said.

Professor Michael Rutter, of the Institute of Psychiatry, London, said troubled childhoods could lead to broken marriages, unwanted pregnancies and unemployment.

"Aggressive, antisocial and disruptive behaviour in childhood predisposes to emotional distress and difficulties in social relationships in adult life, particularly in women," Professor Rutter said.

Those early problems led to forms of impulsive behaviour that made further negative experiences in adulthood more likely. "Childhood adversities may predispose to hasty, unsuccessful teenage marriages, and to unrewarding, unskilled jobs that create stresses."

However, Professor John Dobbing, of Manchester University Medical School, said: "It is science fiction without the science to tell parents what the outcome of their child will be. The human species has an enormous compensatory ability to overcome disadvantages."

Thomson Prentice

JOBSCENE

Higher pay but more lay-offs

More freelance contractors are appearing as firms tighten their belts

Salary increases for information technology staff continued to outstrip inflation last year, but there are indications that increases are at the expense of lay-offs as companies tighten their financial belts.

The average salary for systems development staff increased from £14,367 in 1988 to £15,931 last year, a rise of 10.9 per cent, according to the Price Waterhouse Information Technology Review published this month.

The increases are in spite of a reduction in IT departments' expenditure. The average IT budget last year for a sample of companies with a department of more than five IT staff dropped by 1.3 per cent. Adjusted for inflation, this represents a reduction of just under 6 per cent in real terms.

Although salaries are continuing to rise – firms need to pay competitive rates to retain key staff – companies are saving costs by reducing staff numbers.

Just under a third of IT budgets are spent on staff, and the survey of 1,000 IT executives indicates that employee numbers for systems development staff have dropped from an average in 1988 of 24 people per installation to 22. The same trend was evident in the last major IT slowdown in 1985.

"IT departments lost an average of four staff per installation in the last downturn, but salaries continue to rise as firms have to keep pace with the market," says Kit Grindley, a Price Waterhouse consultant. "They are laying off staff and then bringing them back in as freelance contractors."

Systems development freelance contractors increased their share of the IT budget by 15.7 per cent, while the amount spent on in-house staff fell by 11.6 per cent. Large conglomerates such as British Petroleum have indicated they are to remove hundreds of permanent IT employees as part of streamlining moves.

One survey conducted last year by Price Waterhouse showed that 9 per cent of respondents said they were implementing a policy of "no permanent systems development staff".

Systems developers working in the education and research sector had the highest average salary of £16,929, closely followed by finance at £16,832 and engineering at £16,802. Those in the public sector received the lowest average salary of £14,358.

Another factor affecting salaries is dependent on which manufacturer's hardware staff are using. The National Computing Centre's (NCC) annual survey of business sites shows there can be a salary difference of 10 per cent from one system to another.

Staff with IBM skills earn the most, while those developing software on Hewlett Packard equipment earn 8 per cent less than the average. Digital Equipment (DEC) staff earn exactly the average salary paid to all systems development staff.

On the other hand, technical support staff on DEC systems earn the most and are 6 per cent above average compared with IBM staff in the same position, who are 2 per cent above the norm.

Salaries also differ depending on the location within the UK. The NCC reports that staff in London earn almost a quarter more than those in Wales and the South West, while staff in Scotland and Northern Ireland are about 10 per cent below average.

Salary predictions for this year show that the rate of increase will reduce.

Price Waterhouse says the average salary will increase from £15,931 to £16,931, while Hay Management Consultants predicts it will be about 1 per cent less than last year.

Leslie Tilley

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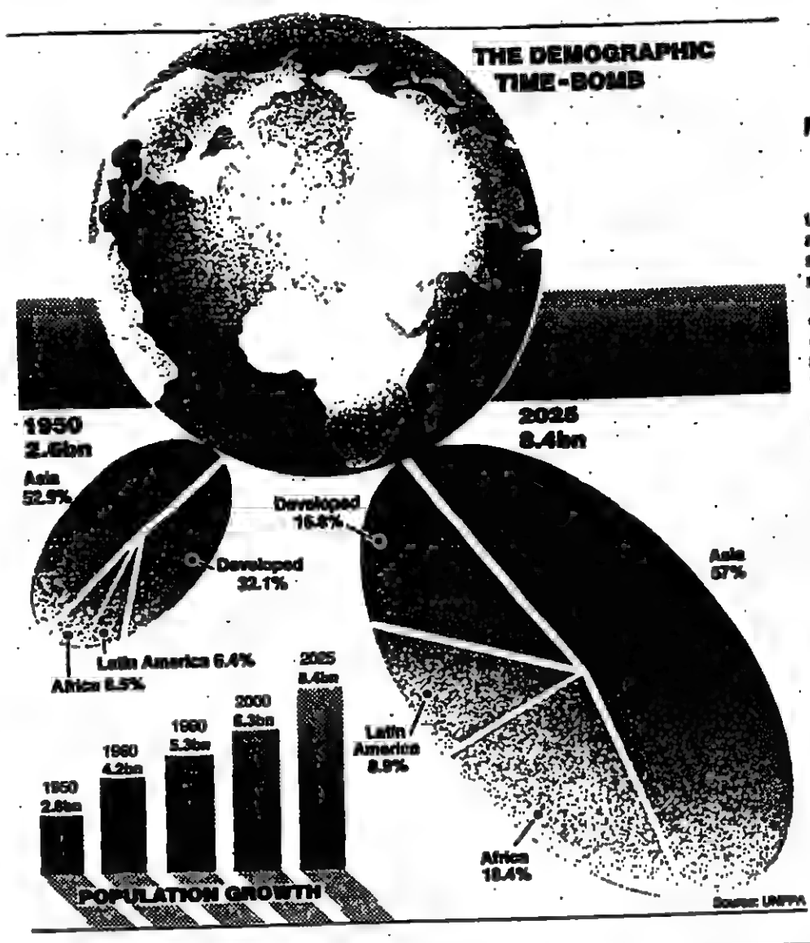
The lengthening shadow

Our children will inherit a world population twice the size of our own and will farm one acre where we have three. A UN report predicts a bleak future, Thomson Prentice writes



The world is facing an unprecedented population explosion, with one billion more people likely to be born during this decade, at the rate of three every second, or about a quarter of a million every day.

The planet stands in a growing shadow of catastrophe as a result, according to a bleak report produced this week by the United Nations.

The population now is estimated at about 5.3 billion. By the year 2025, it could reach 8.4 billion, double the number of people who were alive in 1960. During the 21st century, it could soar to twice its present total.

The human time bomb is ticking loudest in the already overcrowed southern hemisphere, where in many countries family planning programmes are either non-existent or ineffective.

This half of the globe contains the "bottom billion" of Africans and Asians who live in poverty, and whose needs increasingly lead to land degradation and rainforest destruction, according to the report, *The State of the World Population, 1990*.

Six or seven million hectares of agricultural land in the Third World is made unproductive each year through soil erosion, and some 11 million hectares of tropical forest and woodlands are cleared annually – an area the size of Austria and Belgium put together.

Meanwhile the "top billion", in terms of living standards, are spread among the industrialized nations of the northern hemisphere; they have the biggest share of resources and are most responsible for the greenhouse effect, acid rain and damage to the ozone layer.

Here, birthrates are declining, but life expectancy is rising, so that the elderly will make up a bigger proportion of the population, causing increased costs of health care and social security.

The lifting of the Iron Curtain has revealed 40 years of environmental pollution and neglect. Eastern Europe is scarred by ruined forests, poisoned lakes and rivers and obsolete industries. In Hungary, every seventeenth death is attributed directly or indirectly to air pollution; in one Romanian town, Giurgiu, 150,000 people a year have been treated for pollution-related lung diseases.

The rapid expansion of the human population is exceeded only by the spread of the motor car. Today, there are 400 million cars; by 2010 it could be 700 million.

Many of the massive traffic jams of the future will be in the southern hemisphere, which now has only 12 per cent of the world's vehicles.

"The human race now appears to be pushing against new limits of growth," the report says. "Our numbers, lifestyles and technologies have reached the stage where destruction of the environment has reached dangerous levels.

"We are sawing through the branch that is holding us, and if we carry on as before, it may break and bring us crashing down with it."

What can and should be done to tackle such immense and interlinked problems? The report calls for international support for two specific strategies. In the first, the "bottom billion" require vast investments of aid to tackle poverty, malnutrition, disease and illiteracy through education, health and population control programmes.

By the year 2000, the number of women in developing countries using some form of contraceptive has to increase to 535 million compared with 326 million today. This can be achieved, the report suggests, by doubling the current spending on family planning in these countries to about £5.35 billion a year.

Improving mother and child health, upgrading women's status and education, and making contraception as widely available as possible to both women and men are also essential, it says, and men must be encouraged to take a greater responsibility in restricting the sizes of their families, the report says.

At the same time, research into contraceptive methods that are cheaper, simpler, safer and more reliable should receive additional public funding. Countries badly hit by debt burdens and trade deficits need international support to protect their health and education programmes from budget cuts.

The second strategy is aimed more at the northern hemisphere, where the industrialized nations are urged to shift towards cleaner technologies, energy efficiency and resource conservation.

Carbon dioxide emissions will have to be controlled, perhaps through a tax geared to the emissions of different fuels to encourage economy. Shifts from fossil fuels to renewable sources such as wind and solar power, need to be encouraged.

"We are not talking about the interests of distant descendants," the report concludes. "It is our own children who will inherit a world twice the size of our own, who will farm one acre where we have three, and who will be denied the diversity of life we have enjoyed. The choice now must be to act decisively to slow population growth, attack poverty and protect the environment. The alternative is to hand to our children a poisoned chalice."

Happily ever after?

A comprehensive study of death rates in 16 industrial countries, going back to 1940, has concluded that married people live longer than the unmarried. According to a report from Yuanreng Hu and Noreen Goldman, of Princeton University, New Jersey, America, the death rate for divorced and widowed people in their twenties and thirties was particularly high – 10 times that for married people of the same age. One possible explanation given for the higher mortality among the unmarried generally was that the healthiest people married, leaving a higher proportion of unhealthy people in the single, divorced or widowed groups. Another explanation suggests people with partners to share their lives are better able to cope with stress in a rapidly changing world.

Transplant hope

A synthesized substance which could help inhibit the the rejection of transplanted hearts in animals has been reported by American scientists at a biotechnology company. They report that the substance, a soluble interleukin-1 receptor, blocks a master switch of the immune system and could also be used to treat diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes and multiple sclerosis. The researchers, at the Immunex Corporation in Seattle, gave mice transplants of hearts that were mismatched with their heart tissue types, guaranteeing rejection. Those receiving the receptor molecule survived an average of 17 days while the untreated ones survived an average of 12 days.

BRIEFING

New study help

The ability to feed information into a computer with little or no human interaction is still relatively uncommon, used mostly in bar-coding at supermarket checkouts. Its increasing importance in areas such as voice recognition and computerized vision systems has resulted in the first British professorship in automatic identification being established at Teesside Polytechnic. The professorship is sponsored by a local technology company, Eyetech, which will provide industry speakers for the courses.

Friendly fuels

Producing bioethanol alcohol from grain, sugar cane or sugar beet crops, thereby turning them into fuel is an expensive process that cannot compete with current oil prices of about £10 a barrel. But supporters of the concept, who met in The Netherlands earlier this week, argue that the product should have a future as an environmentally friendly product that is renewable and among the cleanest of the burning fuels. European farmers and companies keen to turn crops into fuel hope to exploit a proposed amendment to regulations in an EC scheme under which farmers are paid to leave surplus land fallow. Under the proposal, they could plant some with cereals used for purposes other than food and still retain 70 per cent of the subsidy.

Matthew May

A light camcorder without the blur

VIDEO-CAMERAS, or camcorders as they are popularly known, have been reducing considerably in size and weight since they were introduced in the mid-Eighties.

Some now weigh less than a kilogram and, although convenient for the tourist or proud parent, the smaller and lighter a video camera is, the less stable it tends to be during filming, with slight jerks or shakes resulting in a blurred picture. Some camcorders include mechanical devices which attempt to dampen any movement of the lens if the camera is moved too sharply.

But last week the Japanese firm Panasonic went a step further, with the announcement of a new lightweight camera that can detect the blurring of a picture and, using part of an image stored a fraction of a second earlier, work out what the picture should have been.

As with other modern camcorders, this recorder uses a semi-conductor with a memory unit rather than a glass tube to record the pictures. During filming, video signals are continually analysed and put into a temporary memory. When the image is blurred, the amount of unwanted movement is determined by comparing current video signals with the ones stored.

Those signals which should have been recorded in order to produce a stable picture are brought back from the temporary memory and mixed with the current signal. The system can cope with a change of up to 15 per cent of the video signal per frame.

Manufacturers are hoping that the continuing improvement in camcorder technology will result in their becoming as much of a household item as the video-recorder.

The company says it has applied for 316 patents for the camera in Japan and abroad. It will cost about £600 in Japan and should be available in Britain by Christmas.

From this week, customers in Japan will also be able to buy a video-camera system that, unlike camcorders, splits the camera and video deck. According to the developer, JVC, it means that the camera unit, which weighs 160 grams, can be attached to the head with a strap.

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Sound means of supressing noise

High noise levels can cause many illnesses, including deafness. But help is near at hand, says George Cole

SOMETIMES noise is merely an irritation, but prolonged exposure to high noise levels can lead to stress, fatigue and even deafness. In some cases, the loss of hearing may be permanent, which is why employees who work in noisy environments often wear ear protectors to eliminate most of the sound.

But not everyone who is exposed to noise can wear ear protectors. Airline pilots, for example, must be able to hear sounds around them, including instrument warning systems which incorporate acoustic alarms. Several companies, including Bose, Sennheiser and Sony, are therefore working on noise-cancelling systems which reduce background sound levels but allow users to hear normally.

Sound level is measured in decibels (dB). A ticking watch is about 20 dB, normal speech 60 dB and a noisy office, 75 dB. When sound reaches the 85 dB to 90 dB mark, the risk of hearing damage begins.

The noise in a cockpit can be as high as 80 dB and most pilots wear headphones to reduce noise and receive radio messages. Headphones work by forming a sound barrier around the ears, but they often fail to cut out the very frequencies responsible for aircraft noise. Certain types of noise can also make the headphones vibrate, generating even more noise. To hear radio communications, the pilot must turn the headphone volume level up by at least 10 dB, which exceeds the safety limit. West German airline companies, in particular, have become concerned about the number of pilots forced into early retirement by hearing loss.

Conventional noise-suppression systems work by reducing the overall level of sound frequencies. The problem is that this blunderbuss approach is more effective in removing the high frequencies responsible for speech and music than the low and middle frequencies which are the main constituents of aircraft noise.

Noise-cancellation systems are designed to remove the noise frequencies while leaving the useful frequencies intact. The systems use special headphones which have a tiny microphone and speaker built into each piece. Sound entering the headphones is picked up by the microphones and transmitted to a small box of electronics. Here the sound is analysed for certain types of noise and, when it is detected, an "anti-noise" signal is generated. This has the same frequency as the original noise signal, but is in an opposite phase. When the anti-noise signal is mixed with the noise signal, they cancel out each other.

The companies claim that their systems can reduce certain types of noise by at least 20 dB — which reduces the loudness by a factor of four.

Sennheiser has also developed a circuit which automatically adjusts the amount of cancellation throughout the flight (for example, engine noise is greater at take off than at cruising speed). Bose's noise-cancellation system has been used on space shuttle flights.

Despite improvements in design and materials, modern cars are also noisy. The combination of wind, engine and tyre noise means that a car travelling at 70 mph can have an interior sound level of 70 dBs or more, making it difficult for anyone wishing to listen to the radio or use a car telephone.

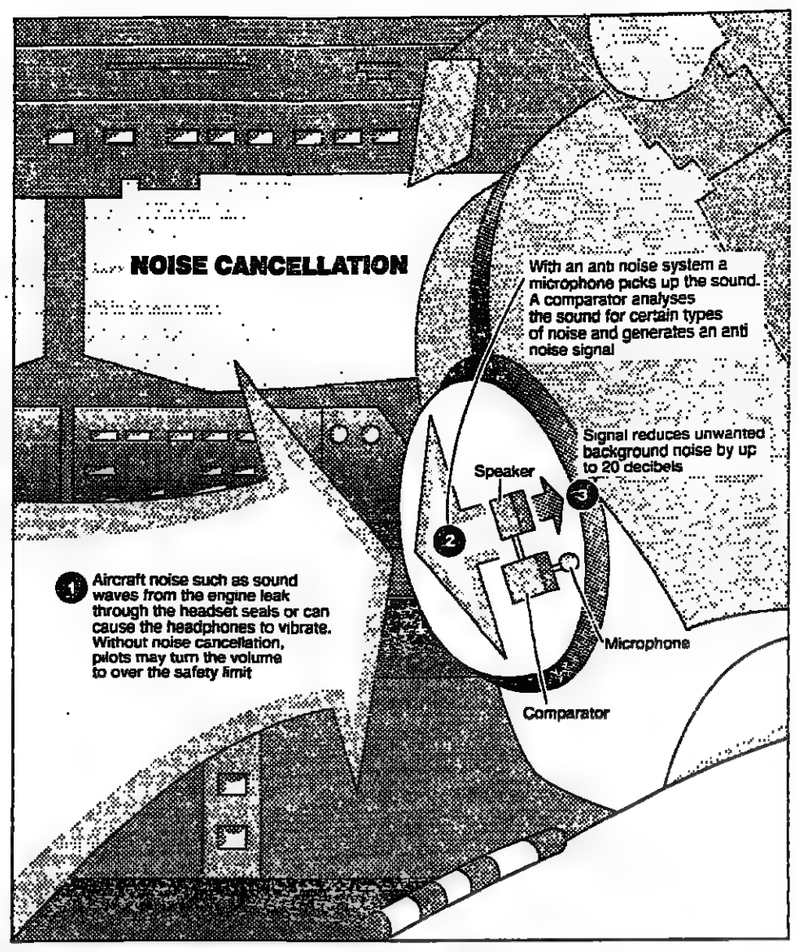
Sennheiser has produced a prototype car telephone which uses noise-cancellation headphones with a built-in microphone and has also developed a similar system for a car radio. Car drivers and passengers could use headphones just to reduce noise, and Sennheiser says wearers would still be able to carry out normal conversations and hear sirens from emergency service vehicles. Lotus has taken car-noise cancellation a step further with its Adaptive Noise Control (ANC) system. This works by placing eight microphones in the car roof which feed the sound to a micro-processor.

The processor analyses the sound for low frequencies and generates noise-cancelling signals which are relayed to the car's stereo system. Lotus says that ANC can reduce noise by a factor of five.

Philips is about to announce an in-car system that works over a wider range of frequencies.

Meanwhile, Japanese commuters are welcoming two developments, by Sony and Panasonic, which reduce the amount of sound which leaks out of personal stereo headphones.

Sony's "hiss-free" headphones use special screens to soak up sound, while Panasonic's unit has a special "noise-cut" button which reduces sound leakage by almost half.



Engineering experts call for cash

GOVERNMENT spending on general civil engineering research should be increased by 25 per cent if pressing problems, from reducing the number of deaths in the construction industry to saving the nation's deteriorating infrastructure, are to be tackled, according to a report on the work of the Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC).

Extra funds are also urgently needed to attract more bright, indigenous, civil engineering students into research to reverse the popular trend of staffing departments with students from other countries who eventually leave Britain. An extra £1.5 million should also be made available for environmental civil engineering researchers to study important ecological issues, including water pollution and the control of hazardous substances.

A national testing centre for coastal research, where technical solutions to rising sea levels can be assessed, should also be established as a priority, the report concludes.

These are just some of the findings made by a panel of experts, chaired by Professor Stuart Littlejohn of the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Bradford, who have been studying the success of SERC's major civil engineering research programme, launched in 1983. Professor Littlejohn says the £16 million programme has achieved many of its objectives, including improved collaboration between industry and academics. Nevertheless, there is serious concern about the high number of excellent research proposals which have been rejected because of lack of funds.

SERC spends about £4 million annually on civil engineering research at a time when the construction industry's turnover is an estimated £40,000 million. Between 1983 and 1988, about 25 per cent of all so-called "alpha" proposals had to be turned down, and last year the figure rose to about 50 per cent. An extra £1 million added to the annual budget, raising the funding level by 25 per cent, would help save some of these promising schemes, the panel believes.

Professor Littlejohn said one of the most alarming findings had been that more than 40 per cent of fatalities in the construction industry occur when maintenance work is being carried out. "We need more research into better and safer access to buildings and, long term, we need to look at areas such as robotics".

He gave warning that, unless the panel's recommendations on increased funding were accepted, "problems just around the corner will hit us full square at the end of the century".

A spokesperson for the SERC said the report was under consideration but: "The outcome of the financial recommendations may not be known for some time".

Nick Nuttall

Tracking down mutant microbes

Scientists in the US and Australia, hot on the trail of drug-resistant malaria micro-organisms have come up with some startling, but contradictory, results

Researchers have discovered why some types of the micro-organism responsible for malaria have become resistant to the drug chloroquine — or have they? Two apparently contradictory sets of results suggest that the path to resistance is more complicated than was at first suspected.

Mutant malaria microbes, resistant to the widely used anti-malarial drug chloroquine, appeared in South America and South-East Asia in the 1960s. In many parts of the developing world, the most virulent malaria organism, *Plasmodium falciparum*, is spreading virtually unchecked.

"The ensuing problems have been enormous," writes Chris Newbold, of the Institute of Molecular Medicine at the University of Oxford, commenting in today's *Nature* magazine on the latest research, "both for residents of endemic areas for whom chloroquine has been used as a first line of treatment, and for medical practitioners in the developed world who now find it increasingly difficult to give reliable advice on prophylaxis to travellers."

The problem is that little is known about how chloroquine works. Consequently, even less is known about the biochemical changes that mutant malaria cells use to get around it. But a revelation that mutant cells functioned in a similiar way to drug-resistant human tumours hinted that chloroquine interferes with a special protein responsible for transporting small molecules out of the malarial cell. This protein flushes drugs from the cell before they can do any damage, and proteins resistant to drug action just keep on flushing. In tumour cells, this protein is encoded by a gene called *mdr*, short for multi-drug resistance. Two genes similar to *mdr* were isolated in *Plasmodium falciparum* and named *pfmdr-1* and *pfmdr-2*, but there was no proof to connect chloroquine resistance with either of these genes.

This is where the new research comes in. In the red corner, Thomas E. Wellems of the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, and his colleagues, contend that the *pfmdr* genes have nothing in particular to do with chloroquine resistance — something else is responsible. In the blue corner, David Kemp, of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne, and his associates think that *mdr*-like genes have an intimate connection with microbial efforts to combat the drug.

Given that both teams were working on essentially the same strains of malaria, how do their results come to be so different? The short answer is that *mdr*-like genes may not be the only ones involved in drug resistance. Other genes, yet hidden, may play even more important roles.

Reconciliation is possible. Kemp and colleagues found that some chloroquine-sensitive malaria strains have mutant *mdr*-like genes; even though these genes show no signs of resistance, they are primed to do so in certain circumstances, probably depending on the state of genes as yet unidentified. The chloroquine-sensitive parent in Wellems's cross-breeding experiment was "resistance competent" in just this way, even though the researchers did not realize it at the time. This could go a long way to explaining why their results looked so clear-cut.

Nobody yet knows the full story, but it now seems that drug resistance in malarial parasites is controlled by several interacting genes, rather than just one.

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Pampering the one you love

Whether or not you would go as far as buying a four-poster bed for your dog, there is a surprising range of pet accessories on the market, Nicole Swengley writes

How far would you take pampering your pet? Would you, like a Los Angeles couple, build a separate swimming pool alongside your own for your English bulldog or, like another Californian, wheel your Yorkshire terrier to the shops in a baby buggy to save it walking?

While researching a book on pets, Francesca Sindlater, director of Pretentious Pets, a company which makes designer pet accessories, came across these bizarre tales. But as a pet-loving nation, where more than half of households owns a pet, Britain lays claim to the more acceptable face of pet lunacy.

Putting pets on a pedestal is helped hugely by the plethora of accessories available in the shops and by mail order. One of the most innovative pets catalogues is Paws 'N' Shop, which has dozens of bright ideas, including a cat's scratching post, £22.50, hooded igloo-shaped bed, £19.95, stoneware dinner dishes, from £5.99, and a pine pets' toy box, £48. Paws 'N' Shop, 2 Finsen Road, Camberwell, London SE5 9AX (071-733 7367).

The pleasures a pet brings can be recorded in a special dog or cat album, £7.95 from Liberty, Regent Street, London W1 (071-734 1234). Even a pets' horoscope can be cast, courtesy of Pretentious Pets, 10 Wrights Lane, London W8 6TA (071-937 7534).

Gone are the days of rewarding good dogs with chocolate drops. Gift baskets filled with Only Natural goodies such as garlic capsules, coat powder, chewy sticks and apricot shampoo cost £9.95 at Harrods, Knightsbridge, London SW1 (071-730 1234). The top dogs' store also stocks collars, with a brass picture of the Harrods building, in sizes 12in (£11.20) to 28in (£14). A 24in lead costs £15.60 while a 42in lead costs £20.

Nationwide branches of Asda have a reflective cat collar, £1.89, while Hi-Craft makes a particularly nifty lead, the Rova, which retracts into a carrying handle allowing total "at heel" control. It costs from £8 at good pet shops.

Classy dogs demand dinner in silver-plated bowls, engraved with their name, at £175 each from Mappin & Webb, 106 Regent Street, London W1 (071-439 8297). For bigger hounds, Harrods has a special feeding table with adjustable height containing two stainless-steel bowls and a biscuit drawer. It costs £150 and is said to help the digestion of larger canines. A ceramic Pussycat Porringer, shaped like a reclining feline, costs £29.99 from Pretentious Pets.

A picnic set for the motoring dog is available by mail order at £13.99, plus £2.50 postage and packing. This PVC shoulder bag contains two bowls, two containers, a spoon, tin-opener and water bottle. Available from Paws Forethought, Badgers' Bank, 12 Fieldside, Long Wittenham, Oxfordshire OX14 4QB (086-7307393).

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For catnaps, the Paws 'N' Shop catalogue has an irresistible mouse-design plush bed, £30, which is white with pink ears, and has whiskers and a tail. For dogs, the Pet Sac, £15, is a practical, portable pet bed, which zips up like a sleeping bag, for use in cars or at home.

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HOBSTONES

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LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF S98 MEETING OF CREDITORS
UNI-COM ELECTRONICS LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)
Principal Trading Address: Enterprise Way, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 6EW.
Company Number: 1087812
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named company will be held at 55/57 High Holborn, London WC1V 6DX on Wednesday 23rd May 1990 at 10.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
Mr Christopher Morris of Touche Ross & Co. of 55/57 High Holborn, London WC1V 6DX will provide creditors free of charge with information concerning the company's affairs.
Dated 30th April 1990
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
G KORBEL, DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Brookes Menswear Limited
(Registered number: 1785388)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 3 May 1990 Midland Bank plc appointed Michael David Gercke and Peter Ryan Cridland Densham of No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL as joint administrative receivers.
Dated the 3rd day of May 1990
MD Gercke Joint
Administrative Receiver (FCA)

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
GRAFTON INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at the Bonnington Hotel, 92 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4BH on Thursday 31st May, 1990 at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged no later than 12 noon on 30th May, 1990 at the offices of Muras, Baker, Jones & Co., 42-46 Darlington Street, Wolverhampton, West Midlands. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge on the two business days before 31st May 1990 at the Company's premises, Canbury Business Park, Elm Crescent, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.
By Order of the Board
S G Bulles, Director
Dated this 10th day of May 1990

RE: BELDAN LIMITED
Registered Number: 1696290
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we Margaret Elizabeth Mills and Terence Charles Carter of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU were appointed the Joint Administrative Receivers of the above company on May 11 1990 by Barclays Bank PLC.
Dated this 11th day of May 1990
ME Mills and TC Carter
Joint Administrative Receivers

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Name of Company: Notchmaxi Limited. Registered number: 2142910. Nature of business: Property Investment. Trade classification: 35. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: May 11, 1990 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Sumitomo Bank, Limited.
SJL Adamson and AR Bloom
Joint Administrative Receivers
(Office holder nos: 1072 & 6462)
Address: Rolls House, 7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1NH.

HAWKESHEAD PLC
CORNERJOINTS LIMITED
SHACKBERRY LIMITED
MR TIMBER
PREMIER FITMENTS (INTERIOR DESIGNERS) LIMITED
(ALL IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named companies will be held at Rolls House, 7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1NH on 31 May 1990 at 10.30 am for the purposes provided for in Section 48 and 49 of the said Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
For the purposes of voting a statement of claim must be lodged with us not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the meeting. Any proxy intended to be used should be lodged with us prior to the meeting. Statements and proxies should be lodged with Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU.
TC Carter and WM Roberts
Joint Administrative Receivers
Dated this 11th day of May 1990

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Wood Industries (International) Limited. Registered number: 1954873. Nature of business: Import of timber, the manufacture of hardwood joinery kilning and associated services. Trade classification: 09. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 3 May 1990. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc.
Ladislav Hornan, Frank Stanell
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder nos: 2059 / 2662
St Alphage House
2 Fore Street
London EC2Y 5DH

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Global Automation Services Limited. Registered number: 1528918. Nature of business: Electrical Contractors. Trade classification: 27. Date of appointment of joint administrative receivers. 24 April 1990. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc.
Ladislav Hornan, Frank Stanell
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder nos: 2059 / 2662
Hacker Young & Partners
St Alphage House
2 Fore Street
London EC2Y 5DH

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF PALMDENE CLOTHING LIMITED T/A P/D INTERNATIONAL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Fraser & Russell, Fairview House, 71/73 Woodbridge Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4YZ on 5th June 1990 at 11.00 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Fraser & Russell, Pembroke House, 40 City Road, London EC1Y 2AD on the two business days prior to that date between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.
A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not also be a member of the company.
By Order of the Board
M.P. Aldam
Dated this 4th May 1990

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Rallying to a call from Alma Mater

Alumni can now repay the debt of their learning by funding Oxford's future. George Hill reports on the value of gifts such as the Rupert Murdoch Professorship

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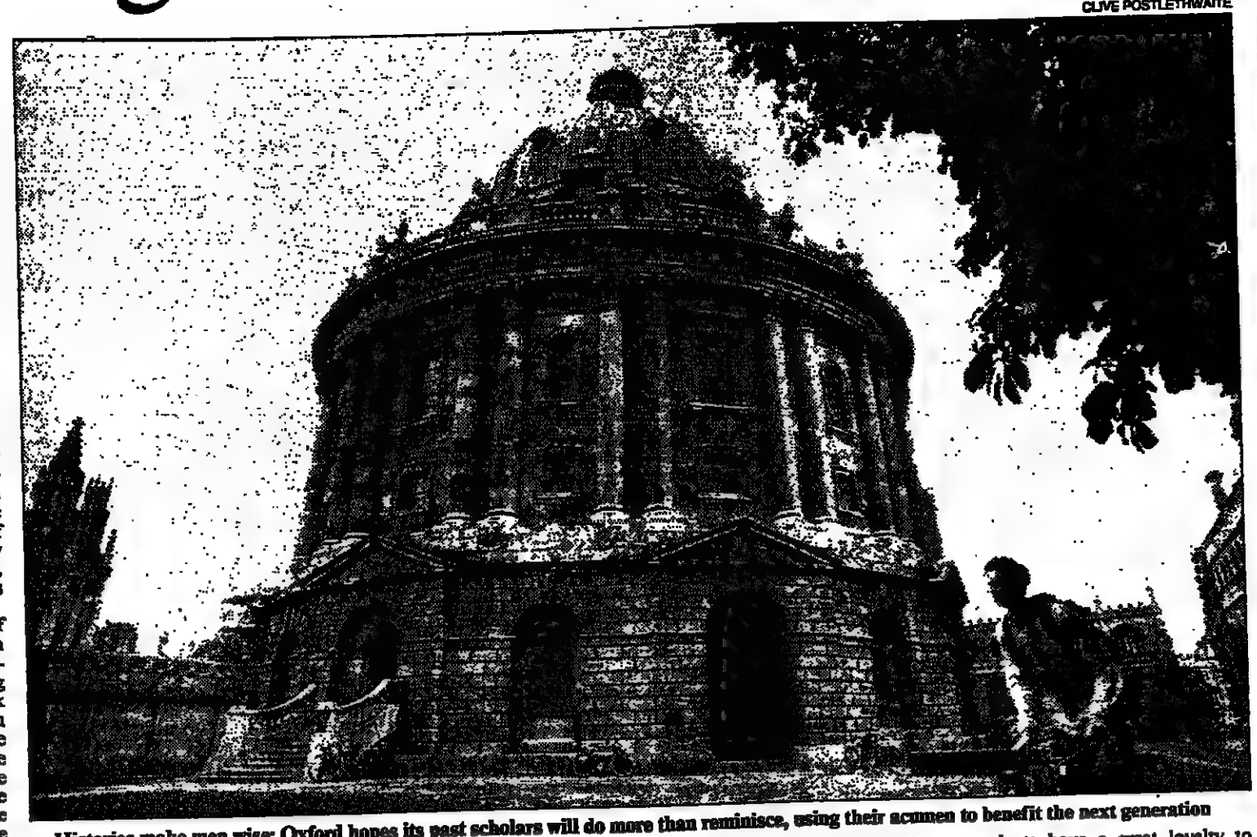

Histories make men wise: Oxford hopes its past scholars will do more than reminisce, using their acumen to benefit the next generation

Nothing happens in Oxford University without it starting an argument: it would be considered a falling-off from the academic spirit to let any development pass unquestioned, however impeccable its credentials might appear.

So there was some shaking of well-stuffed heads in 1988, when the university responded to restrictions on its level of grants by taking a leaf out of the Ivy League book and launching a £220 million appeal for funds. Some feared the appeal would contaminate the priorities of pure scholarship, some complained that the cash should be coming from the colleges or the Government and some thought the whole thing simply sounded un-British. But the critics have had to admit that, whatever else may be said about the campaign, it cannot be accused of becoming one of Oxford's legendary flock of lost causes.

This week's announcement that Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of The News Corporation Ltd, is to endow a chair in language and communications, a gift worth £3.1 million over four years, lifts the campaign past its half-way mark for funds raised, after little more than 18 months of the five years it is to run. This brings the total of gifts committed to the appeal above the £110 million mark, and it means that the campaign is already the most successful fund-raising initiative ever taken by a British university.

Mr Murdoch graduated from Worcester College in 1953 after reading politics, philosophy and economics. His gift is intended to help students in the English faculty learn about current developments in communications and the media, with a possibility of gaining direct working knowledge with one or more media. The gift involves the creation of a Rupert Murdoch Professorship, three *Times* Lectureships, and a News International Research Fund.

Some gifts given in response to the international campaign will secure the continuity of existing teaching posts which had come under threat because of cuts in state funding, such as the chairs in Italian and Classical Greek.

Rupert Murdoch: Benefactor

Some will allow institutions such as the Bodleian Library and the Ashmolean Museum to be improved and modernized. Others will extend the university's resources into new areas, in similar ways to the Murdoch professorship. Such areas include the monitoring of environmental change, Chinese studies (with the aid of a £10 million gift from Sir Run Run Shaw, the Hong Kong businessman) and the performing arts (with the visiting professorship of drama and musical theatre funded by the impresario Cameron Mackintosh, with Stephen Sondheim as the first professor).

Former students and other sympathizers have been recruited all round the world to wring donations from the rich and the powerful. They give their time and exploit their contacts with manifest enthusiasm: "I just think education is the most important investment one can make, the only one that truly endures", says one of them, Sir Martin Jacomb, chairman of Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

Although the main source of funds in cash terms has been gifts from wealthy individuals, businesses and charitable foundations, the appeal has also made a strong attempt to restore contact with as many of the university's 120,000 former students as possible, and to build a relationship with them which emulates that achieved by some American universities. They can raise £100 million a year by persuading up to 70 per cent of their alumni to continue as regular givers.

Sir Richard Southwood, vice-chancellor of the university, says: "Altogether, the old members have given at this point rather more than we expected. One of the things everyone tells you is that former students have a great loyalty to their own colleges, but are not so aware of the university itself as an institution."

At the outset, the campaign was dogged by assertions that the colleges were inordinately rich and could well afford to help the university through its difficulties. It was pointed out that few of the colleges had responded directly to the appeal. Some, it was more than hinted, might see the university's initiative as a rival to their own fund-raising efforts.

Sir Richard: 'Academic plan'

Sir Richard says: "The idea that the colleges are rich enough to provide money on the scale we are seeking is entirely erroneous. Overall, they could not provide more than 2 or 3 per cent of the new funds we hope to secure through our campaign. A few are wealthy, but most are much less well-off.

"Some have made large individual contributions. Collectively, the colleges have agreed to contribute an additional £500,000 a year to pay tutorial fellows. They have generously made their lists of old members available to us. Remember that they also bear heavy costs which benefit the university, such as the maintenance of their historic buildings."

Fund-raising among giants of industry demands a degree of diplomacy. "Substantial benefactors do like to have their name attached to something specific," Victor Blank, the chairman of Charterhouse Bank, says. "But there is also a need for a general endowment fund, if the university is to establish itself as what I believe it is — the greatest centre of education in the country."

Critics of the campaign warn that a huge donation or a headline-catching notion might tempt the university into a project against its better judgment. "Benefactors do have ideas of their own, and we have our academic plan," Sir Richard says. "Sometimes an idea just does not fit into our priorities for the next few years, and we have had to say 'No'. More frequently, we have been able to say: 'Yes, we can see that that would add to what we have been planning'."

Sir Richard is convinced that Oxford's campaign is a pathfinder which is already helping to change attitudes in Britain, where for many years it was assumed that the state should and would provide. He knows that at least one other vice-chancellor has raised his own appeal targets out of confidence that Oxford has heightened awareness of general funding shortages.

"Whatever the Government might have done or should have done, we have to face reality. Do we deny the students who are going to come after us the benefits that we enjoyed, in terms of quality, or do we act to maintain it? I know which answer I would give."

Foreign demand for our dons

THE FLOWERING of democracy in Eastern Europe has placed Oxford University's small team of international relations experts in a state of near siege. As interest among students at both graduate and undergraduate level has surged, so has the demand for the Oxford academics to advise the new regimes and comment in the international media.

As with other departments within the university, the international relations dons are looking to the Campaign for Oxford for the means to meet the demand for their tutorial services which has doubled in a year.

International relations is a comparatively new discipline at Oxford. The Montague Burton chair in the subject was founded at the end of the First World War, to help foster peace in Europe, but it has become a discipline in its own right only in the last two decades.

There are now five academics teaching and researching the subject, led by Professor Adam Roberts, a Fellow of Balliol College who holds the Montague Burton chair.

The impact of *perestroika* on their work has been startling. A survey of undergraduates has shown that numbers seeking to take up the optional course on International Politics Since 1945, will rise from 70 in the current academic year to 150 in October.

Dr Avi Shlaim, Alastair Buchan Reader in International Relations and Fellow of St Antony's College, says: "I have looked at the applications for next year and there really is a lot of interest in Eastern Europe." Oxford is well placed to meet that interest. The team includes Dr Alex Pravda and Professor Archie Brown, two of the leading specialists on the Soviet Union.

"We are not in an ivory tower," said Dr Shlaim. "We are not interested in arcane issues that concern no one. We are very much involved in the practical events unfolding around us."

One of the ironies of Oxford's success is that its fruits are being enjoyed, for the most part, by non-Britons. The chance to broaden the intellectual horizons of British post graduates studying international relations is being lost.

"Only about 10 per cent of our postgraduate students are British," said Dr Shlaim. "The reason is simply a lack of funds, grants and scholarships to enable them to do it."

The answer to the problem of training more of Britain's finest minds to deal with the changed international situation lies, Dr Shlaim and his colleagues argue, in increased staffing for the sub-faculty of International Relations.

Recently, encouraged by Sir Ralf Dahrendorf, Warden of St Antony's, Deutsche Bank and the National Westminster Bank have endowed five-year fellowships in International Relations.

Dr Shlaim said the appointment of another seven staff was needed. The only hope for the expansion of this increasingly vital area of study lay with the generosity of donors.

Douglas Broom

Much have I travell'd . . .

Undergraduates may not share all of Keats' sentiments, but reading English demands a mix of ancient and modern

Twenty-two years ago, all undergraduates reading English at Oxford were expected to study Latin for two terms, a great deal of Anglo-Saxon grammar and literature, and absolutely nothing written later than 1900.

Students who had not quite realized this would arrive bursting with theories about the State of the Novel or the poetry of Sylvia Plath, and subsequently go into mild shock on finding that their first task was to learn the Lord's Prayer in Anglo-Saxon: *Faeper ure, pu de eart on heofonum . . .*

On one occasion I impatiently asked an elderly tutor why we did not study writers such as Hector Hugh Munro, known as Saki; and was gently told that since he had only died in 1916, it was far too soon for posterity to make any judgement.

Despite all that, or because of it, Oxford English was an inspirational course. There were hidden advantages to its antiquarian thoroughness: the compulsory Old and Middle English studies, leading to Chaucer, Spenser, Shakespeare and through the subsequent centuries of "moderns" to a culmination with the great Victorians, provided a broad understanding and love of the language.

In the Seventies there were overdue reforms: the compulsory Latin vanished, and the syllabus was extended to 1960; a cut-off date later abolished entirely. The baby did not go out with the bathwater: it is still bracingly impossible to get an Oxford English degree without knowing some Anglo-Saxon works and all the great names from Chaucer to Tennyson.

But modern novels are included and more significantly, under the general heading of "History of the Language", examinees are invited to answer questions on the way that English is going in the modern world. The English of politics, of satire, of the media, of America, is being brought in from the cold. This is the area which will be covered by the new Rupert Murdoch Professor of Language and Communications, and the three *Times* lecturers.

As far as the English School and its 800 students are concerned, the timing could hardly be better: it is an area of scholarship into which they were expanding faster than funding could accommodate. "The new chair will add a great deal," says Professor Douglas Gray, the chairman of the English Faculty Board. "People are increasingly interested in modern English: the language of advertising, of magazines, of films and television programmes."

His deputy, Dr Glenn Black, says: "There are so many areas worth looking at — tabloid style, professional jargons, the whole business of language and gender and attitudes to women. After all, this is a course of English language and literature, and language is changing."

It is not difficult to envisage the reaction of some diehard traditionalists. Given the trouble which tutors at Oxford generally have in getting undergraduates to write their essays instead of watching *Neighbours* and reading *Private Eye* in the junior common room, there is a faint irony in the fact that both pursuits could become as justifiable as any other research.

Dr Black says: "We are a broad church. The course has always given prominence to language work, so why ignore the present?" Professor Grey, while expecting "some harrumphing", defends the validity of studying — say — the jargon of broadcast news in the same course as the language of Chaucer or Shakespeare.

ALAN WELLER

Welcoming "new" English study: Dr Glenn Black and Professor Douglas Gray

Both dons also consider it profitable that News International will give vacation work experience in national media. "It forges a good link," Dr Black says, "between the university and the outside world." The Campaign for Oxford statement on the gift talks of "shifting the focus of its major English Faculty to root it firmly in the study of contemporary Language and Communications", but no one from the English faculty would put it quite so strongly.

"Our focus is a very long one, with roots in 12 other centuries, too," one lecturer said. "There is no way that anyone is going to come to Oxford to spend three years studying nothing but newspapers.

"What we can offer is a view of today by people who understand many other centuries. That's why it was so clever to put the chair in Oxford, and not somewhere already obsessed with the 20th century."

Libby Purves

Scholarship has never been a fixed form, and the new Chair in journalism is not such an out-of-place piece of furniture

Endowing an enduring legacy

THE NEAREST that a poor mortal can get to immortality is to write a great poem or book that echoes down the centuries. As Horace crowed: *Exegi monumentum aere perennius . . . non omnis moriar*: "I have built a memorial that lasts longer than bronze . . . I shall not altogether die." Next best shot for immortality is to endow some educational establishment, so that the learning, and questioning, and wit, and all the other peculiar attributes that are defining qualities of *Homo sapiens*, can be handed down to future generations.

Oxford may not be the university that leaps first to mind as the place to establish an innovatory Chair in Language and Communications. It did not set up its Honours School of English until 1893, long after University College London and Cambridge, and even then there was outrage from traditionalists, who did not consider English a proper academic study for gentlemen.

When you think of the Oxford English School, the image that comes to mind is of *Beowulf*, abnormal accidence in Anglo-Saxon, and questing through *Gawain and the Green Knight* with Professor Tolkien, in the same way that the Oxford School of Modern History starts with the Fall of Constantinople.

Your image of Oxford English is not the whole truth. Oxford is proud of its old traditions, and likes to bang on about the longevity of its scholarship. But whenever a new field of research is opening up, from genetic engineering to post-structuralist linguistics, Oxford is usually up there in the lead with its dons and its money. It has always gone for the best.

A Chair of journalism is not such an out-of-place article of furniture at Oxford, if you tot up the celebrities and good writers of contemporary journalism (far more from Oxford than elsewhere), or if you consider the founding fathers of the English communications industry, Addison, Steele, and Sam Johnson, all good Oxford men.

It is fitting that the new Chair is going to be able to work with the greatest lexicographical word-laboratory in the world, *The Oxford English Dictionary*. The importance of Sir James Murray's pioneering work was recognized disgracefully late by his university, but it is now rightly recognized as fugleman for the rest of the world in lexicographical studies. There will be exciting interaction and symbiosis between the new Chair and the old dictionary.

The trend of modern scholarship is to recognize that in the house of English there are many mansions, or registers as the jargon calls them. There is not one single line of standard English running from *Beowulf* down to literary writers of the Home Counties today. English comes in multiform registers, and accents, and styles, all of which are proper objects of study by an Oxford scholar, who is, by definition, interested in everything.

Professor Douglas Gray, chairman of the English Faculty Board at Oxford (his speciality is medieval literature) says: "All our undergraduates reading English now have to do a compulsory paper on the history and development of the English language down to today.

"They are already having to write essays on such things as the lingo of advertising or television, or the language of Jamaican poets living in the East End of London. So the new chair, which we are delighted with, is not coming as a completely new department. It has a solid base to build upon. We expect great things from it."

Modern linguistics since Saussure has been much concerned with registers and diversities, exact senses and puns. The new chair will pioneer studies at the cutting edge of the teeming new Englishes of the communications revolution. Who knows? It might even improve the quality of Oxford journalists, if such a concept is deemed possible.

Philip Howard

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The Bodleian in bytes

From Spenser to space, the five million books in the main library will be listed on computer, Peter Strafford writes

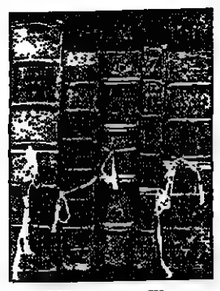
Sir Thomas Bodley, founder of the Bodleian, would have approved. A single computerized catalogue is to be created of the library's five million or so books, which date back to the 15th century and cover most areas of human imagination, speculation and knowledge, from Aristotle to the latest space technology.

The problem is that the project is vast, and will cost money. At present, the reader has to tackle no less than four separate catalogues, each covering a different period and each using a different system, to track down a book; in most cases it is necessary to come to the Bodleian to consult them.

Once the long list of books is on a single computer system, it will be possible for anyone with an appropriate micro-computer to have access to the list, find an entry and see where to go, among the Bodleian's various branches, to be able to read the book.

For years, this single record of all the Bodleian's books had been a pipe dream, according to Julian Roberts, deputy librarian and Paul Hamlyn Keeper of Printed Books. The first steps were taken in the Sixties, when the university acquired a huge, mainframe computer. But the drawback was that it was used by everyone, particularly the scientists, and the libraries only had access to it at night.

A beginning was made, however, in converting the catalogue for use in a computerized system. The Bodleian's earliest book, a Gutenberg Bible, dates from 1455, and every entry from that date until 1920, a total of some 800,000 works, was put on to tape. The process ceased with the introduction of a new cataloguing system, and for books of the next 68 years, until 1988, the library continues to use those most old-fashioned of materials, paper and cardboard.



History on file

The greater part of the period is served by the huge "guard-volume" catalogues, in which every entry is contained on a slip of paper which was stuck on to the page with glue – and often had to be moved to make way for later additions.

For a short time, from early 1987 to August 1988, there was a switch to an interim catalogue in which entries were made on cards. Finally, in 1988, the Bodleian was able to set up a computerized system, and since then new entries have been made directly on to that. What the library wants to do now, therefore, is to bridge the gap between 1920 and 1988 by computerizing the listing of books from those years, so that readers no longer have to consult the old guard-volumes.

It will be quite an operation, covering more than two million books, and cannot be done with the library's existing resources. One estimate is that if 30 people, split up into three teams of 10 each, are given the job, it will take them between 12 and 15 years.

Mr Roberts says their task would be eased by, in some cases, making use of book records already put into circulation by other libraries, but even so it will be a long job.

The Bodleian has already received promises of some funds. The Pearson group has promised £1 million for the creation of a new post, that of a New Media Librarian.

This position will be filled by someone with experience in computer systems and the various facilities they make possible – such as compact discs, electronic publishing and access to databases – so that the Bodleian can take advantage of them.

There has also been a promise of £1 million from Paul Hamlyn, the publisher. This money will be distributed among a number of specific tasks, all designed to improve the functioning of the library. The gift will pay for conversion of the interim catalogue for the 1987-88 period so that it can be used in the new computerized system; and it will provide for temporary posts in, for instance, the Indian Institute, the Law Library and the Publications Department.

This leaves the conversion of the catalogue for 1920-87, now contained in the heavy old guard-volumes, still to be paid for. This is estimated to cost at least £3.5 million, and the Bodleian is hoping that the funds will be forthcoming.

In many ways the Bodleian is Oxford's heart. Even before Sir Thomas Bodley opened his library in 1602 there had been a library on the same site, built with funds provided by Thomas Cobham, Bishop of Worcester, in 1320 and later dispersed. One of the early benefactors was Humfrey Duke of Gloucester, and Duke Humfrey's Library, an elegant beamed room that was completed in 1488, is still a source of pride.

Over the centuries the library has expanded greatly. It has taken over most of the Schools Quadrangle, built in the 17th century, in which it originally occupied only one floor, followed by such landmarks as the Radcliffe Camera and the Clarendon Building. The New Bodleian was completed in 1939, and other branches are dotted around Oxford.

Today, in the words of Sir Richard Southwood, the vice-chancellor, it is a matter of keeping Oxford "at the frontiers" by revolutionizing the way its libraries are used. A single computerized system, which will enable people to find out easily where every book is, will enable the university to make full use of its enormous library resources.

There are about 100 libraries in Oxford, and between seven and eight million books. The aim is that they should all be included in a single system. A start has already been made on this with the establishment of the Oxford Library System. This system now includes 24 libraries, many of them belonging to colleges, as well as the Bodleian.

For the moment, the only part of the Bodleian's holdings available is the computerized section which began in 1988. But the aim is that every book in the library, the second largest in England after the British Library, should eventually be easily accessible through listing in the system.

PETER TRIEVNOR

A daunting task: Julian Roberts, the deputy librarian on the Old Bodleian, estimates the cataloguing will take years

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A merger of law interests

Future needs are being met by links between the law schools and firms

THE CASH shortage in law schools has forced them to turn for help to the private profession. Five years ago, solicitors' firms may have looked askance at such requests, but sponsorship is now commonplace.

Faced with intense competition in recruiting students, many firms are anxious to forge links which might pay future dividends, whether through funding of a chair or lectureship, through sponsoring a lecture series, or through donations for libraries or buildings.

Oxford, one of the main hunting grounds for recruits by big City firms, is a natural target and there have been several initiatives between the law faculty and firms. Norton Rose has rescued a Chair in English Law which was at risk of being left empty; Allen and Overy has created a Chair in Corporate Law which will be running by October; Travers Smith Braithwaite has funded a lectureship and Simmons and Simmons has agreed to pay the Bodleian law library's subscriptions to EC publications and periodicals.

As well as the vested interest of firms in ensuring they are known by students, there is an increasing sense of responsibility in the private sector for the academic world which provides its seed-corn. Robert Harman, of Travers Smith Braithwaite, says: "There was very much a feeling that we ought to do something for education."

Peter Freeman, of Simmons and Simmons, says: "We were anxious to do something for the Campaign for Oxford. At the same time, we are always looking for ways of getting our names in front of law students – ways which are not just a matter of handing out cash but which have some substance." Simmons and Simmons's commitment is for five years. The firm has a nameplate in books it buys and the Bodleian has a guarantee of funds.

Firms and the law faculty both benefit. The Travers Smith Braithwaite lectureship, awarded to Fidelis Oditah, is in corporate finance law. Robert Harman, one of the partners, explains that the firm wanted the lectureship to be in the field in which it works.

Peter Holland, of Allen and Overy, which is also funding a chair at Durham University, says: "There's been very little contact between universities and firms of solicitors." The firm has created a charitable foundation to pay for the long-term funding of the chairs. "We hope there will be a two-way flow of information, with the professor telling us what he finds relevant while we pass on where we think an area of law needs some cautious handling.

Mr Holland admits the attractions of funding a chair in commercial law are clearly greater than some other branches of the discipline. "I don't think we would have thought it appropriate to set up a chair in Roman or medieval law." That may not always be the case. Although Professor Roy Goode, who specializes in commercial law, is the first holder of the Norton Rose chair, it was open to any field of law. Tony Kay, of Norton Rose, says: "We set up the chair in response to a request for help and there were no stipulations attached."

There are fears that such ventures may start to determine course content. John Eekelaar, chairman of the Law Faculty Board at Oxford, is aware of the dangers, but argues that outside funding is far from being a problem. The benefits were not simply financial. "It is also a way of improving communication between us and the legal profession and helping us maintain contacts between the sort of work we do and what goes on in private practice. It gives a wider dimension."

Frances Gibb

Conflict or co-operation?: outside funding is increasing

Chinese gifts hold much treasure

The £10 million benefaction of Sir Run Run Shaw will help to establish further East-West links, Peter Strafford writes

Oxford welcomed its first Chinese researcher almost 300 years ago, in the 1690s, when a scholar arrived from the East to discuss maps. Since then the university has become much more knowledgeable about the Chinese world, and it is understandably proud of its latest coup — the decision of Sir Run Run Shaw, the millionaire philanthropist from Hong Kong, to endow an institute for modern Chinese studies.

The £10 million benefaction, announced in March, is the largest of its kind so far given to Oxford. It will finance the Run Run Shaw Institute for Chinese Studies and, by concentrating on contemporary aspects of the Chinese world, such as politics, economics, finance, trade and sociology, will greatly broaden the range of courses, seminars and other activities which the university can offer.

Sir Richard Southwood, the vice-chancellor, talks enthusiastically of the new institute being an "intellectual entrepôt for the Chinese world and western Europe". One of the main objectives is to attract Chinese students and academics, and he draws a parallel with the Rhodes scholarships, which created a link between Britain, the United States and the Commonwealth.

"For us in the West, the East is inscrutable. But this will enable the two to come together, and help the West to understand what is going on in the East."

Sir Richard also makes the point, however, that Oxford will not be starting from scratch, and that it would not have made sense to have set up an institute of this sort if the university had not already acquired expertise in Chinese studies. There has been a professor of Chinese at Oxford since 1860, and there has long been teaching of Chinese language and culture. In recent years there has been increasing activity in modern Chinese studies.

Economists from mainland China have recently been coming to Oxford for training in the virtues of a mixed economy — and are still coming in spite of the change of emphasis in Peking. St Antony's and Wolfson Colleges have set up their own Chinese Studies Centre.

But the establishment of the Run Run Shaw Institute will give a new dimension to teaching and research in Chinese affairs. Oxford will continue to teach and study China's languages, its culture and its past. But it will also acknowledge the importance of the present by giving far greater emphasis to modern topics.

The university has already done this for Japan, with the opening in 1981 of the Nissan Institute for Japanese Studies. Sir Richard makes it clear that, with the growing importance of the Pacific Rim countries generally, he wants to take the process further. Thought has been given to having a similar institute for Korean affairs. He also wants to bring in the countries of South-East Asia, where there are many Oxford alumni.

He went to Hong Kong in February to meet Sir Run Run, and discuss the plans for the new institute. Sir Richard found him to be a "lively and interesting man", already much active in funding university studies, both in mainland China and in Hong Kong, where he has set up Shaw College. Sir Run Run was particularly interested in making sure that the new institute would have something to offer undergraduates, and in making it a meeting place for East and West.

The institute will not be solely concerned with developments in mainland China, but will also study the Chinese world generally, including Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore. For undergraduates, it will offer a variety of optional subjects in modern Chinese topics, and these will be available to those who may not have Chinese as their main subject.

The next step is to start work on a building, and a brief will be ready for architects soon. It has been decided that the new institute will be attached to Wolfson College, and that visiting fellows will be accommodated in the college. The institute will be headed by a professor, supported by two other permanent members of staff.

Professor Glen Dudbridge, who has been Professor of Chinese at Oxford since the beginning of the current academic year — having previously been Professor of Chinese at Cambridge — is equally enthusiastic about the project, and the prospects it offers.

He would not be drawn, however, on where China was heading today, and whether he saw this huge country, containing a quarter of the human race, fulfilling its potential.

China, he said, was an especially difficult country to predict. The upheavals it has undergone this century had been largely unforeseen, and it was difficult to know what the future held.

FRANK SPOONER

Contemporary China: Sir Run Run's institute will broaden Chinese study at Oxford

A mile for posterity

ALTHOUGH it is 36 years since Sir Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile on the Iffley Road track at Oxford, and today's top athletes are running nearly 15 seconds faster, the track record has not yet been bettered. Competitors in the annual Oxford and Cambridge race this Saturday will try to break the record. Sir Roger, a master of Pembroke College, gives some tips (above) to Simon Mugglestone, the former 5,000 metres European junior champion.

British firms slow to make a mark in science

We are benefitting from foreign foresight, but what of local support?

BRITISH industry is dragging its feet when it comes to backing the fundamental research work being carried out by Oxford's science departments.

While British companies opt to pursue short-term gain, overseas companies, particularly American corporations, are investing millions of pounds in research facilities that should one day provide the "quantum leap" discovery that unlocks the door to long-term profits.

The figures tell their own story. Of the £47.5 million Oxford received from outside bodies last year for research projects, just £2.5 million — 5 per cent — came from British companies. That contribution was dwarfed by the £10.5 million made by overseas companies, an amount not far behind the £17 million contributed by all five of Britain's nationally funded research councils.

Given these figures, it should come as little surprise that the university seriously considered applying for a Queen's Award last year, not for technological achievement as might be expected and as its computer department last month won, but for exports.

The pioneer in this field of external funding is Professor Raymond Dwek, whose new Institute of Glycobiology is being paid for by Monsanto, the American chemicals giant. Monsanto last year donated £2.9 million towards the cost of the new laboratory, with the university contributing £800,000 and the best undeveloped site left in the university's science area.

But this was no spontaneous gesture by Monsanto. Professor Dwek's link with the company goes back to 1983. In that year he was invited to inspect some new products that Advent, a British venture capital group heavily backed by Monsanto, was considering.

When Advent and Monsanto executives paid a return visit to Professor Dwek's laboratory in the biochemistry department, they liked what they saw of his work into body sugars.

In particular, they were interested in his department's work into the relationship between abnormalities in the sugar elements of glyco-proteins and a range of serious diseases.

To his surprise Monsanto proposed a £2 million funding package over four years, a package that was quickly upgraded as the cost and scope of the department's work grew. Biotechnology is an expensive business, Professor Dwek says. "Oxford brains would not have been enough. We needed to have Monsanto finance."

The relationship remains the model of how industry and a university science department can work. Oxford retains the intellectual rights over its discoveries, while Monsanto has the right to exploit these rights, while paying the university a royalty.

Both the university and Monsanto have equity stakes in a new company, Oxford Glycosystems, set up to exploit the technology the department has developed. Some 40 people are already employed at its Abingdon site. Never before had the university become a shareholder in a company commercially using the results of ongoing research.

The Monsanto tie-up may now provide a model for others, but Professor Dwek recalls that at the beginning the university was so naïve Monsanto almost had to write both sides of the contract, to avoid being accused of exploitation. Oxford has learned quickly. Its biggest success has been the attracting of the American drug giant, the Squibb Corporation, now Bristol-Myers Squibb. Squibb has donated £20 million to the Department of Pharmacology, half of which is being spent on building a new department for Professor David Smith.

Once again it has taken an American company to recognize that a new generation of drugs will be dependent on breakthroughs made in pure scientific research.

Professor Smith's research is looking at the way chemicals interact with the central nervous system, in particular how certain proteins operate as chemically receptive sites. For the moment the work is research at it purest. But one day it could provide a cure for the untreatable Alzheimer's disease.

Squibb's interest in Professor Smith's department dates back to 1986, when the department held a workshop to show off its research work to industrial companies. Unlike Professor Dwek in 1983, Professor Smith was, by 1986, running a department in need of outside funding. Again the figures tell their own story. Of the 23 companies that attended, 21 were from outside Britain.

Follow-up meetings reduced the number of seriously interested parties to two — one Japanese company and Squibb — with the latter winning the day with a corporate philosophy more in keeping with Professor Smith's. A meeting of like minds, he calls it. The deal was signed in 1987.

Three years on, with the roof about to go on his brand new department, Professor Smith's team has wasted little time and already has six patents pending.

Professor Smith is still hopeful that British industry will wake up to the opportunities it is missing. "In British universities there is a fantastic amount of research that is worth support."

Matthew Bond

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Wales advised not to underestimate ambitious Namibia

From John Donaldson, Windhoek

WALES leave today for their first visit to southern Africa for 26 years, though on this tour it is not the Springboks they will encounter but Namibia, formerly South-West Africa, the latest entry to world rugby.

Touring sides will remember rugby there for hard playing surfaces, fanatical supporters, and their opponents, the "Biltongboers". Visitors to Windhoek may have emerged victorious, but not by much; the 1955 British Isles team won 9-0, and their 1962 successors, 14-6. Willie John McBride's unbeaten 1974 Lions won only 23-16, while the 1961 Australians drew 14-14, and the 1975 French team were held 13-13.

South-West Africa became the fifteenth union to join the South African Rugby Board's (SARB) Currie Cup competition in 1954, and competed in probably the world's most demanding rugby arena until last year. Their apogee came in 1988, when they lost only 12-9 to Transvaal in the semi-finals.

It was a remarkable achievement that a union with so few senior players (around 1,200), should finish third behind Western Province and Northern Transvaal, the two mainstays of South African rugby. Last year, however, was a disappointment; the South-West could finish only sixth.

When independence was set in motion, the South-West African Rugby Union (SWARU) hoped that the newly-installed government would allow it a phasing-out season with the former colonial power.

But the democratically-elected South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) government, in line with its policy of national reconciliation, stipulated that all sporting links with South Africa would be severed, and that only one controlling body would receive official sanction in each sporting code.

This forced SWARU and the Namibian Rugby Union, a breakaway group representing the majority of non-white players, to start serious negotiations on unification.

Had they proved productive, Namibia might have had a golden opportunity to qualify for the 1991 World Cup, but it was only just before independence, on March 21 this year, that the two unions reached agreement, after SWARU cut links with the SARB.

Within two months the newly-established Namibian Rugby Union (NRU) assured their top players of enough competitive rugby, for at least the first season of independence, to prevent them departing for South Africa.

Wales will be followed by a French B team, West Germany, and club sides from St Mary's Hospital and London Scottish; negotiations are in hand with the English Universities, and for a tour to England and Ireland in October.

Namibia began their international season with a 33-16 defeat of Zimbabwe, the African champions who have qualified for the World Cup. Then followed an 86-9 humiliation of Portugal when Gerhard Mans, the Namibian captain and right wing, scored six tries.

In both internationals the experienced and heavier home forwards dominated, while the skills of Mans and Andre Stoop, the full back, suggested that here were two genuine world-class players.

With no further financial assistance from the SARB, good performances by the national side are vital to achieve the NRU's ambitious targets.

The injury-plagued Welsh should be warned that their African safari may not be a summer vacation.

Moore back in favour

LINDSAY Renwick, the London Scottish wing, is out of the Scotland party to tour New Zealand later this month and is replaced by the Edinburgh Academical, Alex Moore (Alan Lorimer writes). Renwick, aged 29, who won his only cap against Romania in December has withdrawn from the Scottish party following complications with the birth of his third child.

Moore's inclusion in the squad marks an upturn in his playing career. Two years ago he was selected for the Scotland tour to Zimbabwe and played in both the internationals, but last year he was overlooked by the district and national selectors. This season, the success of his club has helped Moore regain favour first with the Edinburgh side and then with Scotland B.

ATHLETICS

Elliott returns to the track

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

A SUB four-minute mile for charity apart, Peter Elliott tonight runs his first race since setting a world indoor 1,500 metres record 11 weeks ago. He competes over 800 metres in Santander, Spain, before getting down to the serious business, on Sunday, of putting his name where Seb Coe's used to be.

Elliott was always the afterthought on the 1980s' roll call of the British middle-distance greats: Coe, Cram, Ovett *and* Elliott. But Elliott has begun the 1990s with a Commonwealth gold at 1,500 metres, a world indoor record of 3min 34.21sec and the extension of his unbeaten sequence to 15 races indoors, outdoors and at cross country.

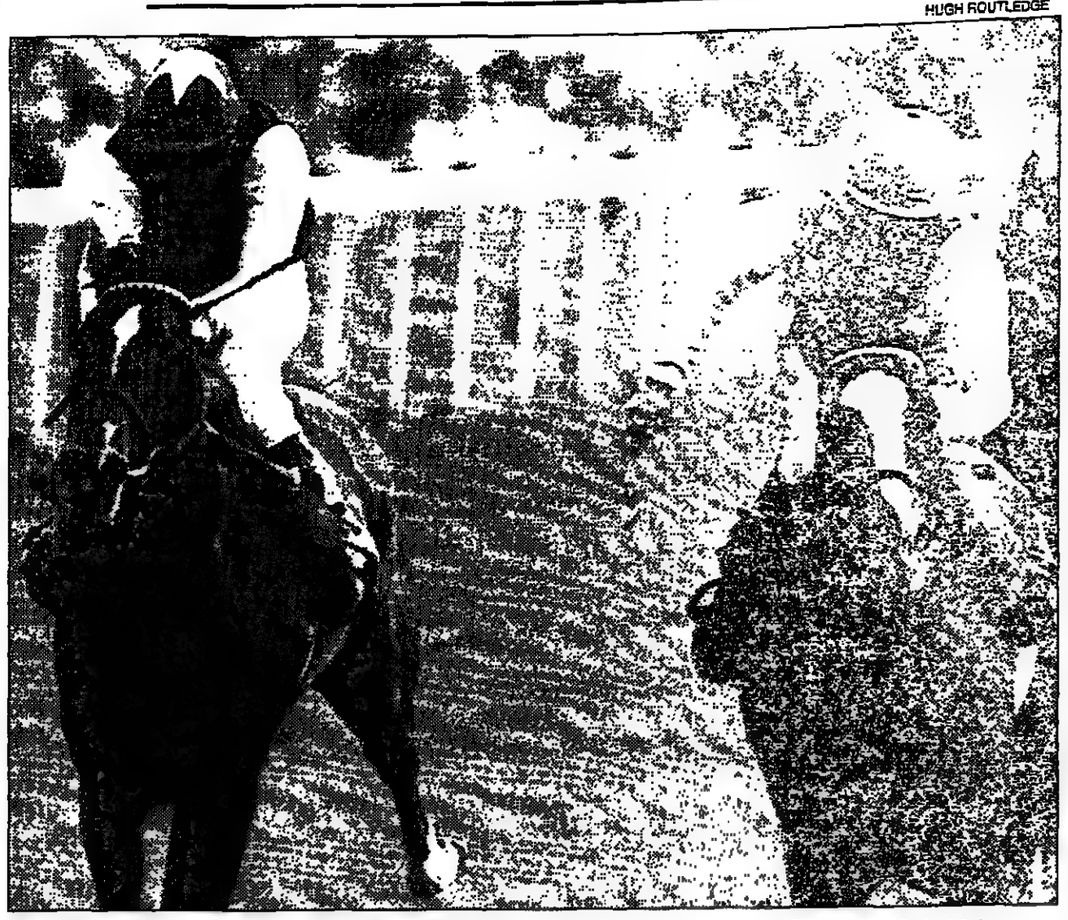
He hopes to open his season with a quick 800 metres tonight, in around 1min 45sec, then displace Coe as the Yorkshire championship record-holder for 1,500 metres by beating the 3min 39.1sec that Coe ran midway between his 1980 and 1984 Olympic gold medals at the distance.

"I'm in good shape and happy with my form," Elliott, aged 27, said. "I've trained hard for the past six weeks and have not been as fit as this in May for a long time. Seb always used to run the Yorkshire championships when he was up here and I plan to do the same."

Elliott's main aim for the season is to win the European championship 1,500 metres in Split, a feat that eluded Coe in his one attempt four years ago. But Coe is a former holder of the world 1,500 metres and mile records and, after setting his world indoor record in Seville, Elliott said that he was "going to attempt 1,500 metres and mile records at some point this summer".

Anshan's Derby aspirations evaporate in Dante Stakes at York

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Sanglamore (Pat Eddery, right) wins York's Dante Stakes yesterday. Anshan (Walter Swinburn, left) is third.

Digression's reappearance the key to confused Epsom scene

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

THE final shape of the Derby market, and probably the destination of our greatest race, will now depend on how Digression runs in next Wednesday's Predominate Stakes at Goodwood.

Indeed, Pat Eddery confirmed as much after he had won the William Hill Dante Stakes on Sanglamore in the green, pink and white colours of Digression's owner, Khaled Abdulla.

"There's no question that Digression is the one," Eddery said. "He's got the speed and the stamina as well. I liked him from the start."

Although no positive clues to our premier classic came from yesterday's trial, Digression eased in the market to 7-2 with Corals and Hills and 4-1 with Ladbrokes. However, Guy Harwood, the favourite's trainer, was quick to scotch rumours. "Digression is in fine form and runs at Goodwood next Wednesday," he said.

Similarly, Eddery, who rode Digression in a gallop on Lingfield racecourse on Monday, said: "Digression moved well and felt super."

Grant Pritchard-Gordon, Abdulla's racing manager, spelt out the situation after Sanglamore had given Roger Charlton, Jeremy Tree's successor at Beckhampton, his most important success in the Knavesmire's group two event. "Even if Digression wins well at Goodwood, we could still have another runner at Epsom, either Sanglamore or Quest For Fame," he said.

The disappointment of yesterday's race was the running of Anshan, the uneasy even-money favourite. John Gosden's 2,000 Guineas third palpably failed to last home the one mile 2½ furlong journey, eventually being beaten a total of three lengths.

"He simply didn't stay," the trainer said. "I never seriously thought of him as a Derby horse. We will probably now go for the Grand Prix de Paris over 1⅛ miles."

Sanglamore's dogged victory was gained entirely through stamina, the Sharpen Up colt looking to be in trouble early in the straight and only mastering Karinga Bay, the runner-up, entering the last furlong.

"The strong gallop played into our hands," Charlton said. "He's in the French Derby and if he doesn't go to Epsom, he could also be supplemented for the Irish Derby. There are plenty of options."

Sanglamore's win paid a further dramatic compliment to the form of Newmarket's May Stakes, as Anvari, the half-length conqueror of Sanglamore on that occasion, had won the Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial at Leopardstown by four lengths on Saturday.

Karinga Bay will now go straight to Epsom. "He stays well and has earned the right to run," said Ken Higson, the three-year-old's owner. Ladbrokes now bet as follows: 4-1 Digression, 8-1 Rock Hopper and Zoman, 12-1 Blue Stag, 16-1 Linamix, Sasaki, who runs in this afternoon's Glasgow Stakes, and Razeen, who is due to take on Digression at Goodwood.

Both Rock Hopper and Zoman have halved in price from 16-1 in the space of three days, a reduction out of all proportion to the money being bet. "It's a very unusual situation," Mike Dillon said. "It's now become a matter of opinion and we're having to shape our prices according to what we think the situation is, rather than by the money bet."

Michael Stoute, without a runner in the big race, had an afternoon of mixed fortunes. The reigning champion trainer won the BBA Middleton Stakes when Hellenic proved far too strong for Ballet Classique, but suffered a disappointment when Zarna slipped three furlongs from home and finished unplaced behind the Mark Tompkins-trained and Ray Cochrane-ridden Appelania in the *Mail On Sunday* Three-Year-Old Handicap.

Stoute did, however, have the last laugh when Selaah forced a dead-heat with Home Truth in the Wilkinson Memorial Stakes to give him a double.

In the opening six-furlong Dalton Stakes for two-year-olds, Dean McKeown rode Ayr Classic to a decisive threequarters of a length defeat of Foursingh. "We'll probably go for a listed race next," said John Wilson, the Ayr trainer. "He's one of the fastest two-year-olds I've trained. He beat Diet by four lengths at level weights in a gallop last week."

Fiddling, the 9-4 favourite, disappointed when finishing last behind Lucedeo in the Homeowners Sprint. Gavin Husband lost his right to claim the 7lb allowance when gaining his fifth victory of the season on John Spearing's remarkable grey six-year-old.

"I don't know what to put his improvement down to," said the trainer. "He's just learnt to move his feet a bit faster."

● David Elsworth intends running Thethingaboutitis in the group one Prix du Cadran over 2½ miles at Longchamp on Sunday. Richard Holder plans to run Ruling, the mount of John Williams.

Walwyn to retire at end of season

By Michael Seely

FULKE Walwyn, the most prolific trainer of big-race National Hunt winners over the past 50 years, yesterday confirmed his intention to retire at the end of the season.

Walwyn's wife, Cath, will apply for a licence to continue to run Saxon House Stables in Lambourn, from where Walwyn has trained for some 45 years.

Among the outstanding trainers of the post-war era, only Vincent O'Brien, with his total of 10 winners of the Grand National, Cheltenham Gold Cup and Champion Hurdle in a comparatively short period, can be considered Walwyn's peer.

If Walwyn, aged 79, has a particular genius, it is his unerring selection of the right horse for the right race. Together with Fred Winter, Walwyn is the only man to have ridden and trained a Grand National winner, and his record of four Gold Cups and two Champion Hurdles since 1945 has not been beaten.

But it is in those great staying handicaps, the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup and the Whitbread Gold Cup, that Walwyn stands alone. He has won both on seven occasions. The lion-hearted bay, Mandarin, won the first running of the Hennessy in 1957, and also collected a Whitbread as well as a Gold Cup and a King George VI Chase.

The memory of Winter and Mandarin on a sweltering June afternoon in 1962, winning the Grand Steeplechase de Paris after the horse had lost its bridle at the first fence, will live forever with those who saw it.

The quick-jumping Diamond Edge won a Hennessy and two Whitbreads, and in Sandown's great amphitheatre in 1984, Diamond Edge looked sure to become the only horse ever to win the spectacular three times. But, in a memorable finish, he finished an honourable third, close behind the Queen Mother's Special Cargo, also trained by Walwyn, and Lettoch.

Walwyn's judgement has always demanded the greatest respect. When he pronounced "this one will go well," the punters listened and the bookmakers trembled. His retirement is the end of a golden era.

Career milestones

Riding career: Won the 1936 Grand National on Reynoldstown; three times champion amateur.

First winner as trainer: Poor Duke at Buckfastleigh, August 28, 1939.

Big races won: Cheltenham Gold Cup (four times), Champion Hurdle (twice), Hennessy Gold Cup and Whitbread Gold Cup (seven times), King George VI Chase (6 times), Grand National, Scottish Grand National, French Grand National, Schweppes Gold Trophy, Grand Military Gold Cup (eight times).

Best horses trained: Anno, Charlie Potheen, Diamond Edge, Mandarin, Mill House, Monanmolin, Mont Tremblant, Secret Service, Special Cargo, Taxidermist, Team Spirit, The Dilder, Wilna.

First winner for the Queen Mother: Game Spirit at Newbury 1973.

Champion trainer: Five times for prize-money won, four in number of races won.

Winners trained: 2,104.

TABLE TENNIS

Misgivings as Chen makes England debut

From Richard Eaton
Aomori, Japan

CHEN Xinhou is to make his long-awaited and lengthily debated debut for England in the inaugural TSP World Team Cup against Chinese-Taipei here today. An accompanying sigh of relief will come from the captain, Donald Parker, and all those in the English Table Tennis Association who fought hard for the inclusion of the China-born, Yorkshire-based former World Cup winner.

Misgivings remain among some others, notably the ETTA chairman, John Prean, and the chief executive, Ted Wallbutton, both of whom reckon that Chen may make the game less and not more marketable. Despite that, Chen has achieved publicity more frequently than any other player of the last quarter of a century, since his marriage to a local woman, Jeanette Wood, in December. The pressure on him in recent weeks — with the political intrigue and repeated visa problems as well as all the attention — has been considerable.

It might therefore be unwise to expect immediate heroics, although Chen's inclusion could ensure that England qualify for the knockout quarter-final stage, which moves to Osaka on Monday. He has hardly had time for proper practice

SPORTS LETTERS

Alternatives required to the penalty shoot-out

From Mr R. J. H. Randall
Sir, Penalty shoot-outs are clearly an unpopular and unsatisfactory means of determining the outcome of any football match, whilst endless replays are administratively unacceptable and frankly boring.

Since the outcome of most matches is decided on a team's effectiveness (or lack of it) in the set-pieces, I propose that a set-piece shoot-out would be the fairest and certainly the most entertaining form of tie-break.

Roddy Forsyth (May 14) argues that penalties are unrepresentative of the team nature of football. Set-pieces on the other hand contain all the ingredients of entertaining football — innovation, skill, courage, anticipation, man-to-man marking.

Instead of merely penalties deciding the outcome of a tied match, a combination of set-pieces consisting of, say, one penalty; two corners (one from each side of the goal); one indirect free kick and one direct free kick (one from each corner of the penalty area) should be used to break the tie.

Teams would alternate their kicks whilst the captains would exercise their leadership and cunning by selecting in which order they wished to take each set-piece. The ball would be deemed "dead" once it was out of play/safely in the goalkeeper's hands/in the back of the net/across the halfway line.

If the teams were still tied after this series, sudden death using the same five types of kick in rotation (but requiring one team to secure a two-goal lead to win) would follow.
Yours faithfully,
ROB RANDALL,
55 West Common,
Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Denis Deighan
Sir, The Scottish Cup final was decided on penalty kicks after extra time had resulted in a no-scoring draw. This may be good theatre or drama, but is hardly the way to decide a prestigious competition. At least the FA in England have allowed for a replay (which could go to a penalty shoot-out decision). The sponsors might like this, but I doubt if the fans are too happy.

If the reason given is a congested fixture list necessitating a result then might I suggest that it would be better to keep a count of corner kicks awarded to decide the outcome in the event of a drawn match. This might not be perfect but it does at least reward the team which has exerted most pressure during a match rather than the decision being based on pot luck.
Yours faithfully,
DENIS DEIGHAN,
50 Balornock Road,
Glasgow.

From Mr G. L. Greaves
Sir, The suggestion in your leading article (May 15) that the sudden death play-off might replace the penalty shoot-out to settle cup finals is interesting but not original.

I was present at a third division north second-leg cup-tie between Stockport County and Doncaster Rovers on March 30, 1946. The rules stipulated that, if necessary, the game should be played to a finish. In the event the match was abandoned after 203 minutes with the score 2-2 (the first leg having resulted in the same score).

At some point in the game the gates were opened. Spectators living near the ground went home for tea and then returned. Curious passers-by wandered in to see the later stages. Long before the referee mercifully called a halt, the players (many of whom were lying stricken with cramp) and the spectators would willingly have settled for the admittedly unsatisfactory penalty shoot-out.

The tie was eventually settled by a third match at Doncaster, which the home side won 4-0.
Yours faithfully,
G. L. GREAVES,
12 Southway,
Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

From Mr Richard Marsh
Sir, Where the FA Cup Final ends in a draw, even after extra time, would not the most sensible, fairest and happiest course of action be to declare both teams joint winners of the trophy? This would avoid both the farce of penalties and the anti-climax of a replay which, among other things, offends against the sensibilities of cricket lovers given to wondering whether the football season will ever come to an end.

I fail to see the logic in your argument that the solution lies in making the goals bigger, especially in light of the fact this year's final ended in a high-scoring 3-3 draw.
Yours faithfully,
RICHARD MARSH,
3 Hobury Street, SW10.

From Mr C. E. Lockwood
Sir, Almost anything would be better than the penalty shoot-out system for extracting winners and losers from a drawn football match.

The winners should be the side that committed fewer fouls. This takes into account the full 90 or 120 minutes played; it has a strong element of justice; it might lead to an increase in skill, as skilful players would be less likely to be hacked down.
Yours faithfully,
C. E. LOCKWOOD,
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West Green,
Crawley, West Sussex.

Punishment will not work

From Mr B. A. Forkin
Sir, The correspondence of Messrs Hick and Waterworth (May 10) reflects all the customary knee-jerk reaction to the problem of football violence. Relegate Leeds to the third division! Promote Newcastle in their stead! Mr Hick makes his best point as a throwaway — that the hooligans do not attend to see the match.

I have supported Leeds United these 25 years, often attending those games at which violence has occurred: I abhor these displays as strongly as your correspondents, yet I entirely fail to see how punishing the club, who do everything in their power to discourage their hooligan element, will in any way alleviate the problem.

The simple fact is that these people care nothing for football and will continue their anti-social antics, whatever Leeds United do. If Leeds were expelled from the League, Elland Road turned into an adventure playground and Vinny Jones made to join the Salvation Army, the thugs would simply turn their attention towards Sheffield Wednesday or United, and carry on exactly as before.
Yours faithfully,
B. A. FORKIN,
38 Bramcote Avenue,
St Helens,
Lancashire.

Flying wrong flag

From Mr Mark Grizaard
Sir, Whilst watching the BBC's coverage of the Benson and Hedges golf tournament from St Mellion, Cornwall, over the weekend of May 4-7 I noted that whenever the scores of the Zimbabwean golfer, Mark McNulty, were shown, they were accompanied by the national flag that was used by Ian Smith's rebel Rhodesia.

It is over 10 years since Zimbabwe achieved its independence and adopted a new national flag, a fact that was well chronicled, and greatly supported by the BBC.

An an ex-resident of Rhodesia, the sight of the flag brought back happy memories for me, although I doubt if Robert Mugabe would share my feelings.
Yours faithfully,
MARK GRIZAARD,
122 Field Way,
Aldershot,
Hampshire.

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For British read English

From Mr E. W. Brown
Sir, Laudable though David McCarthy Brown's plea (Sports Letters, May 10) for British sides in football and rugby is, it is but a pious hope.

It might enable a number of English football club sides to meet the new UEFA requirement whereby no more than four foreigners may represent that club, which will affect Scots, Welsh and Northern Irish members of English club sides or English players in Rangers' case, but the creation of a so-called British identity will mean nothing outside these shores.

I have seen posters in West Germany of forthcoming internationals between "Deutschland und England" with the respective national flags of each country portrayed beneath. England's flag was not the Cross of St George but the Union Jack.

"British" to the man in the street in other parts of the world simply means English, even after 283 years of the Union of Parliaments. The other parts of the kingdom are not known. A British team will consequently simply mean an English one and the Scots, Welsh and Northern Irish will feel even more aggrieved. At least in association and rugby football, they can demonstrate to the world that they are *not* English. What else lay behind the fervour of Murrayfield in March?

Incidentally, what anthem would the British side stand attention to? Surely not the present national anthem with its infamous stanza: "God grant that Marshal Wade, may by Thy mighty aid, victory bring! May he sedition crush and like a torrent rush, rebellious Scots to crush. God save the (King)!"
Yours faithfully,
ERIC BROWN,
6 Tipton Drive,
Croydon, Surrey.

Different definition

From Herr Felix Wolgelernter
Sir, As a youngster, I lived and studied in England for about three years. There, I became familiar with English football and read avidly about it in the newspapers. After returning to Switzerland, I unfortunately lost contact with it for many years.

Lately, I've had to travel to England quite often on business, and so resumed reading. I was surprised to notice a significant change in the reporting: whereas in the past a forward player was described as a left or a right winger, an inside right or an inside left, or as a centre forward, nowadays all these types seem to have been replaced by what appears to be a universal sort of player called a "striker".

I have given some thoughts as to why footballers are now called "strikers" and what the meaning of this remarkable term is. Here are some theories I have come up with:

1. As many people know, there are frequent labour strikes in England. Although most football players belong to a non-striking union, a "striker" can hardly mean a footballer on strike; if it were so, then the newspapers wouldn't be reporting about him playing. Besides, the goalkeeper would then also have to be called a "striker".

2. A very deplorable development on the football fields in England is the fact that players hit and foul other players (not to mention the referee) more often than they used to. Perhaps then a "striker" means a footballer who is more prone than others to punch and kick his opponent. If this is so, then many football fans must also be called "strikers".

3. Footballers who cost a lot of money (and hence got a fatter cut of their transfer fee) are more often referred to as "strikers" than cheaper players. It follows that expensive players are called "strikers" either because they struck it rich or because they are more adept at striking good bargains with football clubs.

4. It strikes me that a lot could be explained by the fact that the standard of sports reporting is slipping a bit. Being not too familiar with the finer aspects of football, sports reporters tend to describe all forward players by one term only, namely "striker", meaning . . . what?
Yours truly,
FELIX WOLGELERNTER,
Im Sträler 21,
Zurich,
Switzerland.

From Professor Roy Storer
Sir, I question whether the media should continue to refer to all followers of football as fans — a term that is not normally used with other sports. According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the word fan is an abbreviation of the adjective "fanatic", which is defined as related to persons affected by excessive and *mistaken* enthusiasm. Therefore, the genuine and law-abiding followers of football should more properly be referred to as supporters whereas, sadly, those who seem intent on debasing the game by their unreasonable activities are the real fans or fanatics.
Yours faithfully,
ROY STORER,
The Dental School,
University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Framlington Place,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

Caring for the customers

From Mrs Sally L. Fleming
Sir, I read Mr Christopher Drew's letter (May 10) about MCC's supposed lack of concern for the paying customer with astonishment.

I, too, was at the match he describes and had a similar experience when trying to shelter from the rain. Instead of feeling aggrieved at being barred from the roped off area of the Mound Stand, I made further inquiries as to why the area in question was out of bounds.

In accordance with the Safety of Sports Grounds Act, improvements were being carried out at the back of the Mound Stand (for the safety of the same public the MCC don't care about) and the council only allowed the stand to be opened at all if that particular section was roped off.

There was an area in the covered Grandstand that was available should it rain, which is where Mr Drew and myself would have had to spend the whole day had the council insisted on closing down the entire Mound Stand, but as the pitch in use for the match was on the Mound Stand side of the ground, no doubt Mr Drew would have been equally irritated at his seats being too far away from the play!
Yours faithfully,
SALLY L. FLEMING,
The Wickets,
2 Moneyhill Road,
Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

Local interest

From Mr Brian M. Virley
Sir, We received on Tuesday a letter from the "Manager, Quality Assurance" of the Royal Mail requesting us to post all business mail by 2.30pm on Thursday, May 17, in view of the "fanatical local interest" in the Cup Final replay on that day.

I am the senior partner of a local professional firm, whose clients insist on prompt efficient service, otherwise they will go to the firm down the road.

The Royal Mail enjoys a virtual monopoly of postal services, and we find it appalling that their management apparently tolerates the perception that allowing staff to go to a cup replay is more important than serving the local business community.

Incidentally, the writer is a Crystal Palace supporter and will be watching the match on the box after a full day's work.
Yours faithfully,
BRIAN M. VIRLEY,
Copley Clark and Bennett (Solicitors),
36 Grove Road,
Sutton, Surrey.

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Walwyn to retire at end of season

By Michael Seely

Braashee poised to confirm merit of decisive Chester win

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

TWELVE months ago, Mountain Kingdom became the first horse to win the Ormonde Stakes at Chester and the Yorkshire Cup at York in the same season. Now, Braashee is napped to complete that same rare double following his impressive win on the Roodeye last Thursday.

At Chester, Braashee, trained by Alec Stewart, left Michelozzo, last season's St Leger winner, Albadr and Top Class flat-footed in the straight. With only a 2lb pull in the weights, Top Class should not be capable of reversing that form, while Albadr appears to have little chance as he meets Braashee on the same terms.

A line through Michelozzo also gives Braashee the beating of last year's Ebor winner, Sapience, who was beaten eight lengths in second in the St Leger.

The fact that Nobel Savage finished even further behind Michelozzo in the March Stakes at Goodwood will not be lost on those who pin their faith on the form book, although Nobel Savage looked an improved horse when he gave Travelling Light, the subsequent Chester Cup winner, 24lb and a decisive beating at Newmarket last month. On that occasion Noble Savage was given a most enterprising ride by Ray Cochrane, who made all the runnign and succeeded in giving his opponents the slip.

But judged on the Chester race he will find it harder getting away from Braashee, whose owner, Sheikh Maktoum Al-Maktoum, can derive further satisfaction from winning the Duke Of York Stakes, the other group race on the programme, with Great Commotion.

Alec Stewart: trainer of Braashee (York, 3.40)

Although he has never raced over a trip as short as six furlongs, Great Commotion has shown that he possesses the requisite speed by being placed in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, the Hungerford Stakes and the Goodwood Mile, in addition to winning the seven-furlongs Beeswing Stakes at Newcastle.

His most dangerous rival today could be Afwaj, who takes a step up in class after impressing when winning a handicap under 10 stone at Newmarket a fortnight ago.

Barry Hills, who has saddled the winner of the Duke Of York Stakes five times already, relies on Polar Bird. Useful two-year-old that she was, she did not give the impression in her first season that she would attain the standard already set by Great Commotion.

Swordsmith, Hills's runner in the Norwest Holst Trophy, was last seen making the earlier running in the 2,000 Guineas in his capacity as Sure Sharp's Pacemaker. Ridden with greater restraint this time he could well prove capable of following in the footsteps of Greensmith, who won the corresponding event last year after also acting as a pacemaker in the 2,000.

On his sesaonal debut, Swordsmith was a creditable fourth to Rock City in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury, but in this instance he could be hard pressed to give 5lb to Alfujairah.

Alfujairah showed the speed necessary to cope with York's seven-furlongs when he made all the running at Newbury first time out. He never looked like being caught, and I immediately resolved to follow him the next time he ran. This is the occasion.

The way that Becquerel won at Salisbury eight days ago hinted that he would be good value for the 5lb penalty in the Hambleton Limited Handicap, the race his connections won last year with True Panache.

Finally, Michael Stoute and Walter Swinburn are hopeful of pulling off a first and last race double with Sasaki (2.00) and Snowy Owl (5.15).

Blinkered first time

YORK: 4.10 Ela Yemou.

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Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Sasaki.
2.35 Evening Affair.
3.10 Alfujairah.
3.40 BRAASHEE (nap).
4.10 Great Commotion.
4.45 Becquerel.
5.15 Snowy Owl.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 Sasaki.
2.35 Inaad.
3.10 Benazir.
3.40 BRAASHEE (nap).
4.10 Great Commotion.
4.45 Nayland.
5.15 Snowy Owl.

By Michael Seely

2.00 Sasaki. 4.10 Great Commotion. 4.45 BECQUEREL (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 GREAT COMMOTION.

Going: good Draw: 5f-7f, low numbers best

2.0 GLASGOW GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O colts & geldings: £4,935: 1m 2f 110yd) (4 runners)

101 (2) 1-5 SASAKI 15 (BF,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-8 ... W R Swinburn 99
102 (3) 1 KASAYID 13 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-10 ... R Hills ● 99
103 (1) 8- PORT SODERICK 236 (R Sangster) B Hills 8-10 ... M Hills —
104 (4) 85 WAATHIQ 14 (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) A Scott 8-10 ... Pat Eddery 83

BETTING: 4-5 Sasaki, 11-4 Kayasid, 7-2 Waathiq, 9-1 Port Soderick.

1989: MONSAGEM 9-3 S Cauthen (4-9 fav) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS SASAKI showed a nice turn of foot to beat Sashtal 5l at Leicester (7f, firm) last season; latest was never going well when 5l 3rd to Starstreak at Ascot (1m 2f, good to firm). KASAYID ran on well after being slowly away to beat Sindeed 2l in a 4-runner maiden race at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) on debut. Open to improvement and the form has been franked by the 3rd, Nakora Bistraya, winning at Nottingham on Tuesday. PORT SODERICK 8l 8th of 22 to Hebba at Newbury (6f, good firm). WAATHIQ 12l 5th of 21 to Lord Charmer in a Newmarket maiden (1m, good to firm).
Selection: KASAYID

2.35 CHAMPAGNE LANSON LADIES INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE (Limited handicap for lady amateur riders: £5,654: 1m 1f) (16 runners)

201 (8) 316022- INAAD 218 (F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 5-10-7 ... Ludovica Bruno (Ita) 92
(1) 421-00 RAH WAN 30 (G) (F Kalla) N Callaghan 4-9-11 ... NON-RUNNER
203 (12) 1220-26 EVENING AFFAIR 10 (B,F) (K Bethel) R Boss 4-9-7 ... Veronique Keogh (Bel) —
204 (7) 0-08100 MISS SARAJANE 19 (G,F,G,S) (G Smyth) R Hollinshead 8-9-5 ... Maria Helling (Swe) 95
205 (11) 3-588 LITTLEDALE 5 (BF) (Flannery Ltd) D Murray-Smith 4-9-0 ... Clare Balding (GB) 93
(5) 00-1146 DARING TIMES 19 (F) (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-0 ... NON-RUNNER —
207 (6) 1260-15 TENDER BID 27 (BF,F) (P Barr) F Lee 4-9-0 ... Kelly Marks (GB) 99
208 (10) 4300-02 PROFIT A PRENDRE 15 (F,S) (P Thorne) D Wilson 6-9-0 ... Amanda Harwood (GB) ● 99
209 (3) 060445 GOLDEN BEAU 15 (V,F,G,S) M Naughton 8-9-0 ... Constance de Gramaillane (Fr) 99
210 (4) 500004 MASTER PLAN 12 (D,F) (R Black Ltd) J S Wilson 4-9-0 ... Elaine Bronson (GB) 99
211 (2) 10-0020 EFFERVESCENT 14 (BF,B,F) (Mrs S Khan) G Lewis 5-9-0 ... Ann Lyckolm (Den) 95
212 (9) 00-0020 DEPUTY TIM 12 (CD,F,G,S) R Bastiman 7-9-0 ... Christine von Kagenack (Ger) 99
202 () 235/ IN ORBIT 1084 (C Wardman) A Stringer 5-9-0 ... Maxine Juster (GB) —
206 () 510-332 SCALES OF JUSTICE 15 (BF) (C Wright) J Hills 4-9-0 ... Jane Allison (GB) 99

● Racecard numbers for non-runners Rah Wan and Daring Times transferred to reserves In Orbit and Scales Of Justice.

Long handicap: Tender Bid 8-13, Profit A Prendre 8-12, Golden Beau 8-7, Master Plan 8-7, Effervescent 8-6, Deputy Tim 8-6, In Orbit 8-5, Scales Of Justice 8-5.

BETTING: 3-1 Tender Bid, 9-2 Profit A Prendre, 5-1 Inaad, Evening Affair, 7-1 Miss Sarajane, 10-1 Golden Beau, Effervescent, Littledale, 14-1 others.

1989: DEPUTY TIM 8-9-0 Amanda Harwood (16-1) R Bastiman 12 ran

FORM FOCUS INAAD ran on well final furlong to finish neck 2nd to Halkopous on final start last term in handicap here (1m 2f 110yd, good to firm). EVENING AFFAIR was badly hampered at Doncaster; previously creditable head 2nd to Birstwith at Ripon (1m 2f, firm). TENDER BID enters calculations on reappearance 3l defeat of Cool Enough at Pontefract (1m, firm). PROFIT A PRENDRE returned an excellent effort to finish 3l 2nd of 19 to Lomax at Ascot (7f). EFFERVESCENT 3l 2nd to Katie Jo in Kempton handicap (1m 1f, good) on penultimate start with SCALES OF JUSTICE (1lb better off) 1½l 3rd; never nearer 4½l 7th of 17 to Bu-Sofyan at Salisbury (1m, firm).
Selection: EVENING AFFAIR

3.10 NORWEST HOLST TROPHY (Handicap: 3-Y-O: £19,900: 7f) (17 runners) C4

301 (8) 2111-40 SWORDSMITH 12 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-7 ... M Hills 92
302 (9) 10-6 MESSAGE PAD 29 (D,G) (Lord Derby) J Watts 9-6 ... Dean McKeown 98
303 (14) 14503-6 SHEER PRECOCITY 29 (C,F) (P Barr) F Lee 9-6 ... W Carson 94
304 (10) 233-1 ALFUJAIRAH 27 (V,G) (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) J Gosden 9-2 ... J Reid 98
305 (11) 3120-22 KING AL 12 (F) (Mrs L Smith) Dr J Scargill 9-2 ... W Ryan 94
306 (17) 1130-33 LA CABRILLA 23 (F,G) (Mrs R Kennard) P Walwyn 9-2 ... M Roberts 97
307 (2) 134-00 SWISS AFFAIR 12 (D,F) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-2 ... Pat Eddery 95
308 (5) 11-3 MUTAH (BF)(Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-2 ... S Cauthen 96
309 (4) 02213-3 BARAKISH 7 (D,S) (Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-8 ... W R Swinburn 95
310 (6) 313- PREMIER TOUCH 381 (F) (Premier Properties Plc) W Pearce 8-7 ... L Charnock 88
311 (1) 4-1 BENAZIR 22 (G) (D) (J Greetham) W Jarvis 8-8 ... L Dettori 96
312 (12) 8143-33 EASY PREP 13 (F) (A Collins) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-8 ... Paul Eddery 93
313 (16) 55-1 CRESELLY 31 (D,F) (I Matthews) M Camacho 8-2 ... N Connorton 93
314 (15) 11-4 NORTON CHALLENGER 28 (G,S) (J Linley) M H Easterby 8-2 ... K Darley 91
315 (2) 41533-0 BOLD ANGEL 18 (F) (A Wragg) J Wainwright 8-1 ... W Newnes 93
316 (13) 41-5610 EUCHAN GLEN 12 (D,F,G) (R Johnstone) J S Wilson 7-13 ... T Williams ● 99
317 (7) 23-626 PYTCHLEY NIGHT 8 (D Dement) R Hollinshead 7-13 ... G Husband (5) 95

BETTING: 5-1 Swordsmith, 6-1 Sheer Precocity, Mutah, 7-1 Barakish, 8-1 Benazir, Alfujairah, 10-1 Message Pad, King Al, La Cabrilla, 12-1 Norton Challenger, Swiss Affair, 14-1 Creselly, 16-1 others.

1989: GREENSMITH 9-0 Pat Eddery (7-1) G Harwood 15 ran

FORM FOCUS SWORDSMITH, acted as pacemaker in the 2,000 Guineas, has plenty of ability in his own right when beating Pencarreg a neck at Newmarket (7f) on his final start last season and 2½l 4th of 8 to Rock City in a Group III race at Newbury (7f, good) on reappearance. SHEER PRECOCITY 4½l 8th of 10 to Anshan at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) with MESSAGE PAD (same terms) 1½l 6th. ALFUJAIRAH made all and quickened well over 1f out to beat Courtesy Title 4l at Newbury (1m, good) on reappearance. MUTAH won both his starts last season including a 5l defeat of PYTCHLEY NIGHT (17lb better) in a Doncaster maiden (6f, firm) and gave the impression that he didn't stay when 4½l 3rd of 8 to Elon Led at Epsom (1m 110yd, good). BARAKISH beat Doulab's Image 12l in a 17-runner maiden at Ayr (7f, heavy) in October; latest 2½l 3rd of 16 to Shattered Dreams at Chester (7f, good). BENAZIR ran out an easy 6l winner from Beaujolais Nouveau at Epsom (7f, good) on reappearance and is open to further improvement.
Selection: MUTAH

3.40 KOSSET YORKSHIRE CUP (Group II: £47,223: 1m 6f) (6 runners) C4

401 (5) 25300-4 TOP CLASS 7 (F,G) (Aster Racing Ltd) C Brittain 5-8-12 ... B Marcus 96
402 (6) 41/14-23 ALBADR 7 (F,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 5-8-9 ... W Carson 96
403 (1) 660551- ANDROBOTE 222 (G) (Albury Racing Ltd) R Curtis 4-8-9 ... W Newnes 50
404 (3) 21110-1 BRAASHEE 7 (F,G) (M Al Maktoum) A Stewart 4-8-9 ... M Roberts ● 99
405 (2) 33120-1 NOBLE SAVAGE 29 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 4-8-9 ... R Cochrane 91
406 (4) 01220-2 SAPIENCE 17 (CD,F,G) (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-9 ... Pat Eddery 97

BETTING: 2-1 Braashee, 11-4 Albadr, Noble Savage, 5-1 Sapience, 10-1 Top Class, 33-1 Androbote.

1989: MOUNTAIN KINGDOM 5-8-9 S Cauthen (2-1 fav) C Brittain 6 ran

FORM FOCUS ALBADR no chance with winner when 5l 2nd to Brush Aside on reappearance in Group III event at Newbury (1m 4f, good). ANDROBOTE beat NOBLE SAVAGE 2½l on final start last term at Goodwood (2m 3f, good) but will struggle to confirm superiority on 13lb worse terms. BRAASHEE ran on well to defeat Michelozzo 3l on reappearance in Group III event at Chester (1m 5f 89yd, good) with ALBADR (same terms) neck 3rd and TOP CLASS (2lb better off) short-head 4th. NOBLE SAVAGE beat Travelling Light (winner since) 1½l at Newmarket (1m 6f, good to firm). SAPIENCE respectable 1l 2nd to Reine D'Beaute over insufficient trip on seasonal bow at Pontefract (1m, firm); earlier 1½l 2nd to Weld on penultimate start last season in Group III event at Newmarket (2m).
Selection: BRAASHEE (nap)

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.10 DUKE OF YORK STAKES (Group III: £22,788: 6f) (7 runners) C4

501 (1) 024122- GREAT COMMOTION 284 (F,S) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 4-9-4 ... Pat Eddery ● 99
502 (3) 661111- LUGANA BEACH 200 (C,B,F,G) (R Richards) D Elsworth 4-9-4 ... S Cauthen 91
503 (4) 2164-51 AFWAJ 14 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 4-9-0 ... W Carson 96
504 (2) 2308-13 SHARP REMINDER 19 (D,F,G,S) (R Jacobson) C Williams 5-9-0 ... B Raymond 94
505 (7) 11110- POLAR BIRD 201 (D,F,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-5 ... M Hills 84
506 (6) 34-3332 ELA-YEMOU 17 (D,BF,B,F) (Winning Post Racing Ltd) C Allen 3-8-4 ... R Morse 74
507 (5) 1116-5 MADEMOISELLE CHLOE 27 (C,F,G,S) (K Jaffa) C Booth 3-8-1 ... R Hills 98

BETTING: 5-2 Great Commotion, 7-2 Mademoiselle Chloe, 4-1 Lugana Beach, 5-1 Afwaj, 6-1 Polar Bird, 12-1 Sharp Reminder, 50-1 Ela-Yemou.

1989: INDIAN RIDGE 4-8-4 S Cauthen (7-2 fav) D Elsworth 10 ran

FORM FOCUS GREAT COMMOTION proved himself a high class performer over 7f and 1m last season, winning a Group III event at Newcastle (7f, firm) and finishing 2½l 2nd to Distant Relative in a Group II event at Goodwood (1m, good to firm). LUGANA BEACH was in fine form at the end of last season and was recording his fourth victory in a row when beating Pont-Aven a nose in a Group III event at Longchamp (5f, good) on his final start. AFWAJ steps up to Group company after beating Stick Supreme by a length in a Newmarket (6f, good to firm). SHARP REMINDER 3¼l 3rd to Monsagem in a listed event at Leicester (7f, good to firm). POLAR BIRD, disappointing in heavy ground last season, is much better judged on length beating of Ramshat Naser in a Group III event at Phoenix Park (6f). ELA-YEMOU needs to improve significantly on a 2½l 2nd to El Arab at Pontefract (6f, firm) to figure here. MADAMOISELLE CHLOE 10½l 5th to Salsabil in the Group III Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury (7f 60yd, good) on reappearance; earlier a very speedy individual when beating Tadwin 2l at Ayr (5f, soft).
Selection: MADAMOISELLE CHLOE

4.45 HAMBLETON STAKES (Limited handicap: £16,310: 1m) (22 runners)

601 (14) 2211/2 STRIKE FORCE 16 (CD,F,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 5-9-10 ... M Hills 91
602 (10) 4-04022 DOUBLE ENCORE 12 (D,F) (Mrs J Yarnold) C Nelson 4-9-2 ... J Reid 95
603 (4) 6/3300-3 PRINCE IBRAHIM 17 (D,F,G) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 4-9-0 ... B Raymond 91
604 (12) 211110- HARD AS IRON 222 (C,D,F,G) (M Wickens) M Tompkins 7-8-13 ... R Cochrane 90
605 (2) 032201- DAWN SUCCESS 47 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs C Peters) C Brazin 4-8-13 ... M Roberts 90
606 (17) 3213- POWER TAKE OFF 380 (D,F) (Mrs B Stenner) D Elsworth 4-8-11 ... S Cauthen 95
607 (11) 140-61 BECQUEREL 8 (CD,F) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 4-8-11 (5ex) ... Pat Eddery 98
608 (1) 2300-32 DANCING MONARCH 13 (C,D,F) (S Reakes) R Hollinshead 5-8-6 ... S Perks ● 99
609 (13) 212430- COMMAND PERFORMER 257 (D,F) (Mrs W Wallace) P Walwyn 4-8-5 ... M Birch 97
610 (5) 53025-4 VITALITY 58 (G) (The Queen) I Balding 4-8-5 ... S O'Gorman (5) 91
611 (3) 2-00305 BREEZED WELL 9 (F,G) (Shadowfax Racing) C Allen 4-8-4 ... M Tebbutt 96
612 (21) 02240-0 HAWWAM 28 (D,F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 4-8-3 ... W Carson 92
613 (19) 652-25 NAYLAND 9 (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 4-8-1 ... R Hills 93
614 (16) 0320-21 JALMUSIQUE 27 (C,D,F) (Mrs J Palliser) M H Easterby 4-8-1 ... J Lowe 98
615 (9) 1/10-504 FACT FINDER 10 (D,G,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 6-8-0 ... T Williams 96
616 (8) 0304-54 GOLDEN ANCONA 29 (C,G,S) (Royal-Blue Racing Plc) M Brittain 7-8-0 ... K Darley 94
617 (15) 40-0 CHARBATTE 28 (S Mouberak) M Moubarak 4-8-0 ... Paul Eddery 97
618 (22) 15400-0 MILLIGAN 10 (D,BF,F,G) (S Haggas) M Prescott 5-8-0 ... Dale Gibson (3) 91
619 (7) 312132- MAJOR IVOR 257 (D,F) (P Colquhoun) Mrs G Reveley 5-8-0 ... G Hind (5) 99
620 (6) 236/00 TERMINATOR 9 (C,G,S) (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-8-0 ... A Munro —
621 (20) 00-4020 NORTHERN PRINTER 12 (F,G) (Oakes Ltd) M O'Neill 5-8-0 ... J Fortune (5) 95
622 (18) 0850-36 AARDVARK 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Pollard-Gill) R Whitaker 4-8-0 ... S Wood (5) 87

Long handicap: Golden Ancona 7-13, Charbatte 7-12, Milligan 7-12, Major Ivor 7-10, Terminator 7-8, Northern Printer 7-8, Aardvark 6-9.

BETTING: 4-1 Becquerel, 5-1 Strike Force, 13-2 Hard As Iron, 8-1 Double Encore, Fact Finder, Power Take Off, 10-1 Jalmusique, Terminator Prince Ibrahim, 12-1 Vitality, Golden Ancona, 16-1 others.

1989: TRUE PANACHE 4-8-5 Pat Eddery (13-2) J Tree 16 ran

FORM FOCUS STRIKE FORCE overcame a lengthy absence to finish 1½l 2nd to Monsagem at Leicester (7f, good to firm) and will be better suited by this trip. DOUBLE ENCORE has returned to form of late and finished 5l 2nd to Yearsley at Thirsk (1m, firm) with DANCING MONARCH (same terms) 1½l 3rd, AARDVARK (15lb worse off) 5½l 6th and NORTHERN PRINTER (same terms) 7th. Should confirm those placings. PRINCE IBRAHIM stayed on to finish 4l 3rd to Reine D'Beaute at Ripon (1m, firm). HARD AS IRON was in tremendous form last season when his six successes included a 2l beating of Monastery over 1m 1f here (good to firm) in September. BECQUEREL quickened up well to beat Bu-Sofyan 2½l at Salisbury (1m, firm). NAYLAND made late headway to finish 5½l 5th to Hacklorth at Chester (7f 122yd, good) with BREEZED WELL (2lb better off) a neck 6th. FACT FINDER looked to be returning to form when 2l 4th to Langtry Lady at Kempton (1m, firm) with MILLIGAN a disappointing 10th.
Selection: STRIKE FORCE

5.15 EBF YORKSHIRE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,620: 6f) (11 runners)

1 (8) CALAHONDA SCRIBE (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 9-0 ... D Nicholls —
2 (7) CANAAN VALLEY (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 ... K Fallon —
3 (6) CHARACTER (R Thompson) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ... A Munro —
4 (4) 4 DESIRE'S DOUBLE 31 (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-0 ... M Wigham —
5 (3) DOMINION GOLD (Balmuto Stud Ltd) M H Easterby 9-0 ... M Birch —
6 (2) 2 KINOKO 19 (A White) R Hollinshead 9-0 ... C Hodgson (7) —
7 (1) MUJADIL (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0 ... W Carson —
8 (10) SNOWY OWL (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn —
9 (11) DANSE D'ESPRIT (J Robson) G Eden 8-9 ... R Sidebottom —
10 (8) EMERALD GULF (P Rhodes) M Brittain 8-9 ... K Darley —
11 (5) MOLLERS (Lord Ronaldshay) J Watts 8-9 ... Dean McKeown —

BETTING: 8-11 Snowy Owl, 7-2 Mujadil, 5-1 Kinoko, 8-1 Dominion Gold, 12-1 others.

1989: WADOOD 9-0 W R Swinburn (4-6 fav) M Stoute 12 ran

FORM FOCUS DESIRE'S DOUBLE one-paced 4¾l 4th to Atherian King at Newcastle (5f, firm). KINOKO met some trouble in running when 3l 2nd to Kirriemuir at Leicester (5f, good to firm). CHARACTER (Foaled January 30) cost IR35,000gns as a yearling and is by top sprinter Never So Bold out of a mare who won over 1m 1f. MUJADIL (Foaled March 16) cost IR300,000gns as a yearling and is a half-brother to the smart 5f juvenile scorer Sagamore. SNOWY OWL (Foaled April 11) is the stable's first juvenile runner and is by Storm Bird out of a mare who won three times in the States. Cost $300,000 as a yearling and said to be showing up well at home. EMERALD GULF (Foaled March 30) is a half-sister to juvenile 5f scorer Irish Emerald.
No Selection

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	33	93	35.5	L Dettori	5	20	25.0
M Stoute	30	130	23.1	S Cauthen	53	244	21.7
G Wragg	15	72	20.8	Pat Eddery	52	259	20.1
D Elsworth	5	24	20.8	W Swinburn	30	160	18.8
J Dunlop	19	92	20.7	Paul Eddery	11	64	17.2
G Lewis	6	30	20.0	M Roberts	19	120	15.8

(Not including yesterday's results)

Cacoethes set for cup return

CACOETHES, third to Nashwan in last year's Derby and second to the same horse in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot, is likely to make his seasonal reappearance in the Hanson Coronation Cup at Epsom on June 7.

Guy Harwood's colt was yesterday among 21 acceptors for the race, which has also attracted the dual Derby winner Old Vic, the Champion Stakes winner Legal Case, and Mondrian, Horse of the Year in Germany last year.

HANSON CORONATION CUP (Group I: £100,000 added: 1m 4f) (21 acceptors)
Albadr, Alphabel, Androbote, Artic Envoy, Assatis, Braashee, Cacoethes, Creator, Ibn Bey, Ile De Chypre, Ile De Nisky, In The Wings, Legal Case, Limeburn, Michelozzo, Mondrian, Observation Post, Old Vic, Scenic, Terimon, Top Class. (To be run at Epsom on June 7).

● Steven Muldoon, aged 26, a former trainer, was remanded on bail yesterday at a special court in Malton, North Yorkshire, after being charged with deception. Muldoon's licence to train was withdrawn earlier this year.

HUNTINGDON

Selections

By Mandarin

6.0 Warm Winter. 6.30 Golden Lantern. 7.0 Sand Castle. 7.30 Palace Yard. 8.0 Summons. 8.30 Kind'A Smart.

Brian Beel's selection: 8.0 Green Bramble.

Going: good to firm, firm patches on hurdles course

6.0 ABBOTS RIPTON NOVICES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,716: 2m 100yd) (10 runners)

1 5312 WARM WINTER 19 (D,G) R Curtis 4-11-10 ... R Goldstein
2 6442 CHAGHATAI 6 C Spares 4-11-9 ... R Carson (7)
3 0522 LOVELY WONGA 5 (D,F) D Wilson 4-11-4 ... G Moore
4 1042 GLENSTAL ABBEY 7 (B,BF) R Akehurst 4-11-0 ... J Leech (5)
5 3456 CURVET 22 (D,F) K Morgan 5-11-0 ... S Turner
F004 OTTERBAIRN 16 (B) R O'Sullivan 4-11-0 ... NON-RUNNER
7 2265 ELA-AYABI-MOU 89 A Reid 4-11-0 ... P Barnard (5)
8 3005 GRAVITY FORCE 7 J Harris 6-10-13 ... J A Harris
9 -004 YUAN PRINCESS 10 J McConnochie 5-10-8 ... J Shortt
10 550 PETALOUDA 33 P Howling 5-10-8 ... M Kinane

5-2 Glenstal Abbey, 3-1 Warm Winter, 4-1 Lovely Wonga, 8-1 Ela-Ayabi-Mou, 8-1 Gravity Force, 10-1 Chaghatai, 12-1 others.

6.30 PAPWORTH NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,914: 2m 200yd) (5)

1 1142 BULLY BOY 116 (CD,BF,F) D Browne 7-11-10 ... J Angell (7)
2 3PU3 GOLDEN LANTERN 14 (BF) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-2 ... M Pitman
3 -P00 BOLD REVENGE 17 B Crawford 8-11-1 ... —
4 00-0 MAJORIAN 31 (B) M Collins 12-10-10 ... G McCourt
5 0053 MELWAY BOY 55 J Twibell 8-10-10 ... D Skyrme

1-2 Golden Lantern, 5-2 Bully Boy, 12-1 Melway Boy, 16-1 Majorian, 20-1 Bold Revenge.

7.0 BRENT LEISURE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,180: 3m 1f) (12)

1 2366 DROWSY 27 (B,S) D Sherwood 8-12-0 ... A S Smith (7)
2 5845 RED RUDDEL 8 (F,G,S) J Hanson 7-11-12 ... G McCourt
3 6145 STONEY CREEK 10 (F,G,S) (B) K Bailey 10-10-13 ... A Tory (5)
4 2-21 SAND CASTLE 7 (C,F,G) M Ryan 8-10-12 (5ex) ... J Ryan (5)
5 F312 RARE LUCK 21 (F) P Jones 7-10-8 ... M Kinane
6 6414 ELLTEE-ESS 16 (B) R Weaver 5-10-0 ... R Dunwoody
7 46F5 BOSCHENDAL 10 (F,G) R Curtis 8-10-0 ... R Goldstein
8 04P3 SPEEDY BOY 7 (B,F) G Enright 8-10-0 ... M Perrett
9 F083 MAID MARINER 5 (F,G) Miss G Rees 8-10-0 ... W Worthington
10 -2P0 MIDSTON MILL 7 (C,B,F) R Bennett 5-10-0 ... L O'Hara (7)
11 F402 QUICK REACTION 31 (C,F) Mrs E Heath 7-10-0 ... D Gallagher
12 BUS2 FISHING SMACK 10 (G,S) B Byford 7-10-0 ... G Martin

7-4 Red Ruddel, 5-2 Sand Castle, 6-1 Rare Luck, 8-1 Drowsy, 10-1 Stoney Creek, 12-1 Speedy Boy, 14-1 others.

7.30 BARHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,167: 2m 4f) (8)

1 1314 ABEROY 19 (CD,BF,F) M Ryan 11-12-0 ... J Ryan (5)
2 2221 PALACE YARD 7 (CD,F,S) R Wagrove 8-11-1 (4ex) ... H Davies
3 4150 WILD ARGOSY 5 (D,BF,B,F,G,S) T Bill 11-10-12 ... Gary Lyons (5)
4 0P40 CHELSEA MAN 55 (B,G) Mrs L Clay 9-10-12 ... M Richards
5 PPP5 MALTA MAL 31 (D,F,G,S) J Bridger 11-10-12 ... I Lawrence (3)
6 5-5 SATU 33 (F) N Wheeler 9-10-10 ... Mr N Wheeler
7 1F53 PRINCE CARLTON 20 (F,G,S) Mrs J Bloom 15-10-6 ... Mrs J Saunders
8 04U5 THE FRUIT 7 (D,F) R Ledger 11-10-2 ... Mrs N Ledger

11-8 Aberoy, 7-2 Palace Yard, 5-1 Wild Argosy, 8-1 Prince Carlton, 10-1 Chelsea Man, 12-1 Malya Mal, 14-1 others.

8.0 GEOFFREY LAWFIELD MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,552: 3m) (6)

1 -661 SUMMONS 61 (F,G,S) Miss A Embiricos 11-12-9 ... Miss A Embiricos (7)
2 1321 TRUE BLOOM 15 (F,S) G Tarry 11-12-9 ... G Tarry (7)
3 P/P- D'ARCY SPICE 373 Brian Clifford 13-12-0 B Clifford (7)
4 3UP GREEN BRAMBLE 12 (D,G,S) N Henderson 13-12-0 ... N King (7)
5 5P/ TOPHATTER 737 (D,G) M Shine 10-12-0 J Weathall (7)
6 -6FF WAGES OF SIN 44 (CD,F) R Green 11-12-0 K Green (7)

11-8 Summons, 6-4 True Bloom, 5-1 Green Bramble, 8-1 Wages Of Sin, 10-1 D'Arcy Spice, 20-1 Tophatter.

8.30 YELLING NOVICES HURDLE (£1,590: 2m 100yd) (8)

1 3361 DRUSO 18 (B) R Marvin 6-11-7 ... J A Harris
2 12SU KIND'A SMART 19 (D,F) K Morgan 5-11-7 ... S Turner
3 04 CELTIC KING 48 B Curley 5-11-1 ... D Murphy
4 5450 MANDY'S TINO 20 J Harris 5-11-1 ... B Powell
5 55- RUN ON STIRLING 353 C Brooks 5-10-10 ... B de Haan
6 0-53 SILLY SAUSAGE 31 J McConnochie 5-10-10 ... J Shortt
7 00 CLEVEDON HOUSE 120 B Curley 4-10-9 ... E Murphy
8 50 DISTRICT NURSE 19 R Weaver 4-10-4 ... D Gallagher

11-10 Kind'a Smart, 10-3 Druso, 5-1 Ran On Stirling, 6-1 Celtic King, 10-1 Clevedon House, 12-1 Mandy's Tino, 14-1 Silly Sausage, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: T Bill, 6 winners from 19 runners, 31.6%; O Sherwood, 13 from 58, 22.4%; N Henderson, 12 from 61, 19.7%; M Ryan, 9 from 46, 19.6%; Mrs J Pitman, 12 from 71, 16.9%; P Jones, 3 from 27, 11.1%;

JOCKEYS: D Gallagher, 6 winners from 28 rides, 21.4%; M Pitman, 5 from 34, 14.7%; M Perrett, 6 from 41, 14.6%; G McCourt, 9 from 72, 12.5%; H Davies, 13 from 105, 12.4%; R Dunwoody, 14 from 120, 11.7%.

Yesterday's results

York

Going: good

2.0 (6f) 1, AYR CLASSIC (Dean McKeown, 14-1); 2, Fourslngh (J Carroll, 7-1); 3, David's Flight (S Perks, 15-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Satellite Boy (4th), 13-8 Pigalle Wonder (6th), 14 Stamford Bridge (5th). 8 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 1l, 1l, nk. J S Wilson at Ayr. Tote: £13.80; £3.00, £3.20. DF: £32.70. CSF: £86.17. 1min 13.57sec.

2.35 (1m 2f 110yd) 1, HELLENIC (W R Swinburn, Evens fav: Michael Seely's nap); 2, Ballet Classique (R Cochrane, 25-1); 3, Vallee (S Cauthen, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Choir Leader (5th), 6 Cosmic Princess (6th), 8 Shalta (4th), 33 Stella Bianca. 7 ran. 2l, sh hd, 1½l, sh hd, 4l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £2.30; £1.80, £4.20. DF: £20.10. CSF: £20.02. 2min 12.22sec.

3.5 (5f) 1, LUCEDEO (G Husband, 8-1); 2, Almost Blue (J Carroll, 20-1); 3, Cumbrian Waltzer (M Birch, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Fiddling, 13-2 Craft Express (4th), Micro Love (6th), 15-2 Ever Sharp, 9 Gemini Fire, 16 Eager Deva, 20 Errls Express, Harry's Coming (5th), 25 Restless Don. 12 ran. Nk, 1l, ¾l, 2l, ¾l. J Spearing at Alcester. Tote: £12.20; £2.80, £5.30, £2.10. DF: £213.70. CSF: £139.77. Tricast: £811.28. 59.15sec.

3.40 WILLIAM HILL DANTE STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O: £75,600: 1m 2f 110yd)

SANGLAMORE ch c Sharpen Up - Ballinderry (K Abdulla) 9-0 Pat Eddery (11-2) 1.

Karinga Bay ch c Ardross - Handy Dancer (K Higson) 9-0 B Rouse (16-1) 2

Anshan ch c Persian Bold - Lady Zi (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 W R Swinburn (Evens fav) 3.

ALSO RAN: 8 Dorset Duke (6th), 7 Raj Weld, 20 Lavey Bay (4th), 40 Ridgepoint (5th). 7 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 2½l, 10l, 1½l. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote: £6.50; £2.60, £3.70. DF: £35.60. CSF: £62.27. 2min 09.18sec.

4.10 (1m) 1, APPELANIA (R Cochrane, 6-1); 2, Zammah (W Carson, 12-1); 3, Kawarau Queen (J Fortune, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Zarna, 13-2 Casamurrae (4th), 9 Matching Lines, 10 Come And Stay, 12 Callipoli (6th), 16 Cup Of Tricks, 20 Mia Fillia (5th), 40 Darussalam. 11 ran. Hd, ¾l, nk, 1l, 1l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £7.50; £1.90, £2.10, £2.70. DF: £34.10. CSF: £70.83. Tricast: £1,248.25. 1min 39.46sec.

4.45 (7f) dht1, SELAAH (W R Swinburn, 5-1); dht1, HOME TRUTH (S Cauthen, 4-1); 3, Arabat (L Dettori, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav City Ballet, 15-2 Festival of Magic (6th). 20 Smart Magician, 25 Kibreaz (5th). Pure Class, Rockridge, 50 No Decision, Pappagallo (4th). 11 ran. dd-ht, hd, 2l, 3l, 1l. M Stoute at Newmarket, B Hills at Manton. Tote: win: Selaah £2.10, Home Truth £2.00. places: Selaah £2.00, Home Truth £1.40, Arabat £2.70. DF: £8.80. CSF: Selaah & Home Truth £12.31, Home Truth & Selaah £11.81. 1min 24.85sec. dead heat for first place.

Jackpot: not won. (Pool of £10,362.95 carried forward to York today).

Placepot: £2,065.00.

Worcester

Going: good to soft

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Most Interesting (R Hyett, 14-1); 2, Susan Henchard (2-1 fav); 3, Nat Call (7-1). 14 ran. NR: Solinsky. 5l, 8l. G Jones. Tote: £28.50; £5.50, £1.20, £1.30. DF: £37.30. CSF: £39.97. No bid.

2.45 (3m 4f ch) 1, Mr Entertainer (B Powell, 7-4); 2, Roy Prince (16-1); 3, Busted Spring (50-1). Quarry Town 5-4 fav. 10 ran. 15l, 8l. N Gaselee. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £1.90, £8.50. DF: £8.80. CSF: £25.46.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Bel Course (W Marston, 3-1); 2, Treble Trouble (11-4); 3, Jazetas (7-2). Miramac 5-2 fav. 8 ran. 20l, 5l. J Webber. Tote: £4.50; £1.50, £2.20. DF: £5.20. CSF: £11.42.

3.50 (3m ch) 1, Hurry Up Henry (Miss A Harwood, 9-2); 2, Firm Price (4-1 fav); 3, Royal Gurkha (12-1). 11 ran. 4l, 20l. G Harwood. Tote: £4.20; £1.40, £2.20, £2.10. DF: £8.20. CSF: £21.15. Tricast: £182.55.

4.25 (3m ch) 1, Sanballat (J Weatherby, 8-5 fav); 2, John Sam (8-1); 3, Rodden Brook (4-1). 18 ran. NR: Another Half, Rain Chaser. 5l, 7l. D Nicholson. Tote: £2.40; £1.80, £1.90, £3.10. DF: £5.10. CSF: £11.27.

4.55 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Straight Gold (Mr S Burrough, 11-2); 2, Captain Ahab (3-1 fav); 3, Strike A Chord (20-1). 13 ran. 10l, 4l. G Ham. Tote: £5.90; £1.40, £1.50, £6.00. DF: £4.10. CSF: £22.65. Tricast: £256.89.

PLACEPOT: Dividend: £41.40.

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Tuesday's late results

Brighton

Going: hard

7.45 (6f) 1, Sixth Surprise (T Quinn, 13-2); 2, Pipers Hill (6-1); 3, Love Street (11-2). Rushanes 13-8 fav. 7 ran. 1l, nk. R Smyth. Tote: £5.90; £3.20, £3.60. DF: £22.00. CSF: £41.49.

8.15 (7f) 1, Serious Trouble (G Duffield, 1-33 fav); 2, Longiri Sister (20-1). 2 ran. 1½l. M Prescott. Tote: £1.10.

8.45 (1m 4f) 1, Kaleidos (Pat Eddery, 1-20 fav); 2, Athens By Night (14-1); 3, Tough Out (50-1). 3 ran. 1l, 30l. J Gosden. Tote: £1.10; DF: £1.00. CSF: £1.27.

Placepot: £22.10.

Nottingham

Going: good to firm (becoming soft)

7.20 (6f) 1, Beachy Glen (M Birch, 15-2); 2, Rainbow Bridge (4-1 fav); 3, Fortan Prince (20-1). 13 ran. NR: Dararoyal. 1l, nk. C Tinkler. Tote: £10.40; £2.30, £1.70, £18.70. DF: £27.20. CSF: £38.42. Tricast: £532.12.

7.50 (1m 50yd) 1, Hakem Sisters (W Hood, 12-1); 2, Barlord Lad (7-2); 3, Sylvanus (Evens fav). 8 ran. 4l, 1l. G Pritchard-Gordon. Tote: £12.40; £3.40, £1.20, £1.30. DF: £34.50. CSF: £54.95.

8.20 (1m 2f) 1, Hawaiian Romance (M Roberts, 16-1); 2, Up-A-Point (20-1); 3, Ready Wit (14-1); 4, Incola (33-1). Shifting Breeze 5-2 fav. 18 ran. NR: San Roque. 2l, 1½l. R Curtis. Tote: £56.30; £5.70, £5.00, £2.90, £6.30. DF: £207.30. CSF: £300.98. Tricast: £4,157.81.

Placepot: £511.10.

Towcester

Going: good to firm

7.30 (3m 190yd) 1, Blue Ravine (Mr S Bell, 14-1); 2, Dalton Dandy (33-1); 3, Polar Glen (3-1). Royal Busking 9-4 fav. 13 ran. 7l, 12l. R Lamb. Tote: £8.90; £2.10, £5.10, £2.10. DF: £68.20. CSF: £326.99.

8.0 (2m 50yd ch) 1, Corked (D Gallagher, 7-2); 2, Farmlea Boy (9-4); 3, Indian (15-8 fav). 4 ran. ¾l, 8l. Mrs E Heath. Tote: £4.70. DF: £5.50. CSF: £10.94.

8.30 (2m hdle) 1, Arsonist (R Dunwoody, 11-10 fav); 2, Mini-Mastar (13-2); 3, Sir Jamestown (13-8). 5 ran. 8l, 2l. A Blackmore. Tote: £2.10; £1.20, £2.30. DF: £4.60. CSF: £7.58.

Placepot: £362.50.

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Harwood extends run

AMANDA Harwood, daughter of the Pulborough trainer, Guy, has forged a splendid partnership with the 11-year-old chaser Hurry Up Henry, and they scored their third success together in four starts since Christmas with an emphatic victory in the Standard Continuous Handicap Chase at Worcester yesterday.

Amanda presented the 9-2 chance quite beautifully at his fences, had him in front over the last six, and kept him going in grand style to beat off a strong challenge from Norman Williamson on the favourite Firm Price.

"He's my favourite horse and he's got the hang of it now," said Amanda, who finished up on the floor as often as not when she rode Hurry Up Henry last season.

Amanda has now ridden five winners this season and the Harwood stable has sent out a total of 18 winners over jumps.

PERTH

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Moment Of Truth.
2.50 Quassimi.
3.25 City Comment.
3.55 Generals Boy.
4.25 Over The Firs.
4.55 Tactico.
5.25 The City Minstrel.

Going: good (hurdle course); good to soft (chase course)

2.15 GILLIE BROS BOOKMAKERS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,856: 2m) (18 runners)

1 1421P1 MOMENT OF TRUTH 5 (D,F,G,S) (P Purcell) P Monteith 6-11-12 ... M Moloney (5) 95
2 125564 SLIPPERY MAX 8 (D,F,G) (Unique Racing Plc) C Beever 6-11-12 ... R Garritty 89
3 6322P1 ACHILTIBUIE 15 (F) (Mrs W Crawford) W Crawford 6-11-4 ... G Bradley 94
4 20F043 KINGS QUEST 17 (B,D,BF,F) (A McLuckie) J J O'Neill 5-11-4 ... M Dwyer 77
5 F0-51 TIMES ARE HARD 3F (CD,G) (E Williams) D Burchell 6-11-4 ... D J Burchell 94
6 521031 ON THE HOOCH 10 (D,F,S) (G Soleman) Mrs S Bradburne 5-11-3 ... Mr J Bradburne 91
7 20/0-0 BROKEN BRAE 181 (R Green) C Parker 6-11-0 ... B Storey —
8 006 CLEVER SHEPHERD 127 (B) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 5-11-0 ... N Doughty 80
9 CLONMACOGUE (L Worner) B Stevens 9-11-0 ... M Stevens —
10 4-4PB60 ENCHANTED COURT 22 (V) (Mrs M Crooks) R Lamb 6-11-0 ... K Jones 78
11 00/RR00- LISFENNELL 420 (B) (Mrs S McDonald) P Blockley 6-11-0 ... D Hood (7) —
12 6PPP65 MAJESTIC RIDE 5 (T Summerfield) K Oliver 6-11-0 ... T Reed —
13 0 MENICO 29 (Mrs F Murray) R Allen 6-11-0 ... D Deane (7) —
14 00/8243- NICKEL SILVER 586 (E Melville) G Richards 6-11-0 ... D Byrne 86
15 00/00- SOMETHING SIMILAR 384 (R Dodds) W A Stephenson 7-11-0 ... C Grant —
16 00P TINGLE BROOK 23 (A Robertson) G Richards 6-11-0 ... S J O'Neill —
17 BU1223 FIRST CRACK 23 (D,F,G) (D Pugh) F Jordan 5-10-13 ... J Lodder (3) ● 99
18 POLITICAL STORM (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 7-10-9 ... G Harker —

BETTING: 11-4 Moment Of Truth, 4-1 First Crack, 6-1 Nickel Silver, 8-1 On The Hooch, 10-1 Slippery Max, Clever Shepherd, 12-1 Kings Quest, Times Are Hard, 14-1 others.

1989: ROSCOE THE BRAVE 5-11-0 R Garritty (5-2) S Kettlewell 8 ran

2.50 GILLIE BROS DUNDEE NOVICES CHASE (£2,349: 3m) (11 runners)

1 F4321F PARSON'S CROSS 10 (D,F,G) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 6-12-3 ... Mr K Johnson 95
2 0-43112 QUASSIMI 21 (F) (Dr K Fraser) G Richards 8-12-3 ... N Doughty 94
3 3PP2P1 DEEP CLIFF 10 (B,D,F) (J Graham) J J O'Neill 8-11-10 ... M Dwyer 91
4 P/P001 OCEANUS 8 (D,F,G) (R Mitchell) J Mackie 9-11-10 ... S J O'Neill 97
5 2-1FP88 VALASSY 27 (S) (H Brown) J Edwards 7-11-10 ... N Williamson 97
6 F40432 CAMIONNAGE 8 (S) (A Crow) A Crow 9-11-8 ... A Orkney ● 99
7 P800UF CORBITTS MILITARIA 23 (Mrs S Strangeway) B Ellison 8-11-3 ... NON-RUNNER
8 2FU-806 PALANQUIN 35 (Mrs J Benson) Miss M Benson 8-11-3 ... T Reed 80
9 F60FPP SPORTSNEWS 27 (Drummohr Investments Ltd) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-3 Mr J Bradburne —
10 60PP32 TOMMY FARMER 10 (D Lee) D Lee 8-11-3 ... R Marley 97
11 0000 MOIETY 22 (Mrs S Robinson) K Oliver 5-10-9 ... J O'Gorman (3) —

BETTING: 11-4 Deep Cliff, 5-1 Camionnage, 11-2 Sportsnews, 6-1 Valassy, 7-1 Quassimi, 8-1 Tommy Farmer, 10-1 Oceanus, 12-1 Parson's Cross, 14-1 others.

1989: IRISH RED 7-12-0 C Grant (4-9 fav) W A Stephenson 5 ran

3.25 GILLIE BROS ABBOTSFORD HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,872: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1 5-13152 PACO'S BOY 10 (F,S) (F Roofing Ltd) J J O'Neill 5-12-0 ... M Dwyer 87
2 3-41P4 CITY COMMENT 8 (G) (Mrs A Bell) J Edwards 8-11-5 ... — 90
3 452005 EASTERN OASIS 22 (CD,F,G,S) (J Andrews) J Andrews 7-11-3 ... M Alston (7) ● 99
4 131103 SOUTHEND SCALLYWAG 157 (C,F) (Mrs V Mason) G Moore 4-11-0 ... J Callaghan (5) 84
5 212100 HOGAN'S RUN 171 (F) (Drummohr Investments Ltd) P Monteith 5-10-13 ... D Byrne 98
6 50-1P18 AZUSA 23 (F,G) (Mrs J Milligan) Miss M Milligan 7-10-12 ... — 91
7 1 BAY TERN 22 (C,G) (T Dyer) C Weedon 4-10-8 ... R Fahey 98
8 21351P BARLEY MOW 10 (F) (Print And Design Ltd) N Bradley 4-10-8 ... G Bradley 92
9 111430 LA CASTANA 8 (D,F,G) (Unique Racing Plc) C Beever 4-10-4 ... R Garritty (3) 98
10 P/P0SF3 SAMONIA 19 (CD,F,S) (J Barker) T Cunningham 10-10-0 ... S Cunningham 71

Long handicap: Samonia 8-12.

BETTING: 2-1 Hogan's Run, 7-2 Eastern Oasis, 5-1 Azusa, 6-1 Bay Tern, 10-1 La Castana, 12-1 City Comment, Barley Mow, 14-1 Paco's Boy, Southend Scallywag, 20-1 others.

1989: RIGO MELODY 6-11-3 B Storey (5-1) B McLean 8 ran

3.55 GILLIE BROS MONTROSE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,532: 3m) (11 runners)

1 8-3323P RIVERNOT 27 (D,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 8-12-0 ... C Grant 98
2 132011 GENERALS BOY 5 (CD,F,G,S) (P Craggs) J J O'Neill 8-11-8 (4ex) ... Mr P Craggs 99
3 11-0335 THREEPLAND 90 (D,F,G,S) (A MacDonald) R Fisher 7-11-4 ... D Byrne 98
4 2P2F11 MISS CLUB ROYAL 17 (D,F,G) (Halewood Vintners Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-4 M Dwyer 97
5 03P5F5 BESSACARR BOY 8 (C,F,G) (P Hinchliff) G Richards 9-11-1 ... N Doughty 92
6 0104-8P MAGWOOD 26 (S) (R Anderson Green) C Parker 10-11-0 ... — 93
7 11P2P2 REIVER'S LAD 31 (D,G) (J Walton) F Walton 9-10-13 ... B Storey 94
8 P114P2 RAVEN VENTURE 23 (V,F,G,S) (Mrs R Pearcy) D Lee 10-10-12 ... G Harker 95
9 6102P0 INTO THE MYSTIC 23 (F,S) (Mrs D McLean) B McLean 8-10-11 ... — ● 99
10 2/3P-54P BOTHAM 26 (F) (J Price) K Oliver 10-10-10 ... T Reed 85
11 P2P145 DIRECT INTEREST 65 (G) (J Bianchi) Denys Smith 7-10-0 ... Mr P McMahon 80

Long handicap: Direct Interest 9-3.

BETTING: 7-2 Raven Venture, 9-2 Into The Mystic, 6-1 Generals Boy, Botham, 8-1 Rivernot, Miss Club Royal, 10-1 Reiver's Lad, 12-1 Magwood, Direct Interest, 16-1 others.

1989: GOWAN HOUSE 10-12-1 C Grant (4-11 fav) W A Stephenson 4 ran

4.25 GILLIE BROS LOCHEE NOVICES HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,646: 3m) (13 runners)

1 6-P05 CASTLE BANKS 146 (R Pedgham) J Edwards 6-11-10 ... C Campbell (7) 82
2 COUNT MY BLESSINGS 220F (C Castle) B Ellison 5-11-10 ... NON-RUNNER
3 33FU08 FRENCH AGGRESSION 52 (Mrs D Culham) Mrs D Culham 9-11-10 ... D Swindlehurst (7) —
4 50-0P6 KAMBA LAD 31 (A Whitehead) J Edwards 7-11-10 ... F Jenks (7) —
5 80F0-6F KINNESTON 27 (M Alexander) C Alexander 8-11-10 ... D Maclaggan (7) —
6 0000 OFF THE BRU 21 (T Hardie) Mrs S Bradburne 5-11-10 ... J Bradburne (7) —
7 50-3111 OVER THE FIRS 7 (F,G,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 7-11-10 ... K Johnson (5) —
8 F SCOTLANDWELL 23 (C Alexander) C Alexander 5-11-10 ... S Love (7) —
9 P0533- SHINING ART 418 (Champ Chicken Co Ltd) D McCain 5-11-10 ... D McCain (7) 96
10 680P WILL COWAN 31 (Mrs J Milligan) Miss M Milligan 5-11-10 ... R Ford (7) —
11 21P4-32 GOODFELLOW'S FOLLY 227 (G,S) (Mrs N Craggs) P Craggs 12-11-5 Mrs N Craggs (7) 84
12 0-PPPF NIGHT TIME GIRL 17 (W Young) W Young 7-11-5 ... F Nelson (7) —
13 325364 THUNDER FLOWER 61 (G Richards) G Richards 5-11-5 ... P McMahon (5) ● 99

BETTING: 13-8 Over The Firs, 4-1 Thunder Flower, 11-2 Castle Banks, 7-1 Goodfellow's Folly, 8-1 Shining Art, 10-1 Off The Bru, 14-1 others.

1989: PARSON'S CROSS 5-11-3 Mr K Johnson (9-1) W A Stephenson 4 ran

4.55 GILLIE BROS BUTTAR'S LOAN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,364: 2m) (7 runners)

1 221U11 TACTICO 5 (B,CD,F,G,S) (I Dalgleish) J J O'Neill 8-12-0 (4ex) ... M Dwyer 98
2 213132 MAREJO 21 (D,S) (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 9-11-13 ... B Storey 98
3 44F-34P KEVINSFORT 35 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Haggie) Jimmy Fitzgerald 12-11-8 ... D Byrne ● 99
4 366312 STARJESTIC 8 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (M Mitchell) N Bradley 12-10-3 ... G Bradley 94
5 F04PF3 RED PROCESSION 10 (D,F) (I Sykes) P Liddle 8-10-2 ... — 95
6 334F03 STRAIGHT DOWN 21 (CD,F,G) (Mrs P Barker) Mrs P Barker 13-10-0 ... C Hawkins 95
7 530F40 GOLDEN FANCY 21 (CD,F,G,S) (N Alexander) C Alexander 13-10-0 ... — 99

Long handicap: Straight Down 9-8, Golden Fancy 9-3.

BETTING: 2-1 Starjestic, 11-4 Marejo, 7-2 Tactico, 5-1 Golden Fancy, 10-1 Kevinsfort, 12-1 Red Procession, Straight Down.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.25 GILLIE BROS FORFAR NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,730: 2m) (18 runners)

1 1 THE CITY MINSTREL 31 (G) (Mrs J Turpin) J Edwards 5-11-13 ... — —
2 0 ASK FOR MORE 26 (D Stern) J Edwards 5-11-6 ... — —
3 BOOK OF RUNES (D Jones) J Edwards 5-11-6 ... — —
4 3 COVER WITH HARTS 71 (Hart & Co Insurance Brokers Ltd) N Bradley 5-11-6 ... — —
5 GRAAL LEGEND (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-6 ... A Parker (7) —
6 0 KUSHBALOO 26 (R Anderson Green) C Parker 5-11-6 ... — —
7 LINKSIDE (Linkside Fabrications) M O'Neill 5-11-6 ... J O'Gorman (3) —
8 6 ROSEHIP 19 (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-6 ... S O'Gorman (3) —
9 3 STORM ISLAND 19 (K Al-Said) J Edwards 5-11-6 ... — —
10 1 SNITTON LANE 19 (F) (C Lumsden) J Edwards 4-11-2 ... — —
11 JANILLE (D Lloyd) P Liddle 5-11-1 ... D Martin (7) —
12 DAUPHIN BLEU (K Smyth) J Parkes 4-11-0 ... Mr S Charlton (7) —
13 GENERAL TROY (L Heaven) M O'Neill 4-11-0 ... C Dennis (3) —
14 OLD MORTALITY (R Thomson) R Allan 4-11-0 ... R Garritty (3) —
15 CREATIVE ILLUSION (J Burgess) G Moore 4-10-9 ... J Callaghan (3) —
16 JACQUELINE'S GLEN (T Nunnari) J Parkes 4-10-9 ... N Smith (3) —
17 SATIN D'OR (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 4-10-9 ... Mr A Robson (7) —
18 ZAMOANA (Mrs C Beever) C Beever 4-10-9 ... — —

BETTING: 15-8 Snitton Lane, 4-1 The City Minstrel, 13-2 Storm Island, 8-1 Zamoana, 10-1 Book Of Runes, 12-1 Old Mortality, 14-1 others.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J FitzGerald	6	13	46.2	R Garritty	5	15	33.3
J Edwards	17	58	29.3	M Dwyer	13	47	27.7
D Burchell	6	21	28.6	G Bradley	5	24	20.8
W Stephenson	25	98	25.5	C Grant	27	134	20.1
G Moore	16	63	25.4	N Doughty	11	60	18.3
R Fisher	7	38	18.4	Mr K Johnson	3	18	16.7

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CRICKET

A double record for Warwickshire after Reeve century

By Jack Bailey

NORTHAMPTON (second day of four): Northamptonshire, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 337 runs behind Warwickshire

ALL that talk about the mundane nature of Tuesday's play had its come-uppance yesterday. First, some cricket news: Warwickshire scored their highest total against Northamptonshire when they passed the 456 for five scored in 1951; Reeve's 202 (his second hundred came from only 81 balls) was the highest score made by a Warwickshire batsman in this fixture and his personal best by a long chalk; Northamptonshire, their tails by now down to their ankles, for these and other reasons, subsided to 136 for six.

But all this was as nothing compared to the drama surrounding events in which Ambrose, Thomas, Reeve, Robinson, the umpires and the unfortunate Bailey, Northamptonshire's captain, played starring parts.

It all began with Reeve, having reached 103, being given not out by umpire Oslear from an appeal for a catch at the wicket. This led to Thomas saying words which indicated in an unflattering way what he thought of the decision. Oslear was not amused and indicated to Bailey, in his first match as Northamptonshire's captain, that he should keep his players in order. The incident should be reported to the TCCB.

This was just a warming-up session. Within minutes, Ambrose let fly a "beamer" which sailed past Reeve's head. Umpire Dudleston said nothing. In his next over, Ambrose let fly another high full pitch.

Again nothing was said. Reeve relieved his feelings by cracking the next ball for four to mid-wicket and signalling for his chest-protector. Ambrose's response was another ball of high velocity and even higher projectory which past the head of Ripley standing back and the forebearing Dudleston signalled no-ball and delivered the warning prescribed by the Laws.

Ambrose was removed from the attack. Lunch was taken. Bailey apologized for Warwickshire, unofficially it is understood. Ambrose failed to do likewise, did not appear after lunch for 30 minutes, a swollen knee being the official reason and some time later was maintaining that he was only trying to bowl a fuller length because Reeve was advancing down the wicket. He should read Law 42.

Law 42 is specific about one thing: "The bowling of high, full pitches is unfair." Following on from there, note (e) puts the onus on the umpire's opinion as to the intent of the bowler and whether it is deliberate and bowled at the striker.

Dudleston gave Ambrose the doubt for the first and second "beamers".

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles lbw b Thomas	13
*T A Lloyd c Ripley b Ambrose	21
Asif Din lbw b Penberthy	3
A I Kallicharran c and b Penberthy	72
†G W Humpage c Ripley b Thomas	13
D A Reeve not out	202
N M K Smith b Penberthy	8
G C Small c Felton b Robinson	55
A A Donald c Williams b Robinson	24
J E Benjamin b Penberthy	14
T A Munton not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 26, w 7, nb 8)	47
Total (9 wkts dec)	473

Score at 100 overs: 276 for 6.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-38, 3-47, 4-75, 5-74, 6-198, 7-317, 8-419, 9-458.
BOWLING: Ambrose 30-3-80-1; Thomas 28-4-84-2; Robinson 35.1-9-91-2; Penberthy 29.5-5-91-4; Wild 12.5-4-42-0; Williams 5-1-39-0; Bailey 8-1-15-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Kallicharran b Munton	37
N A Felton c Moles b Small	8
*R J Bailey c Kallicharran b Small	0
A L Penberthy run out	0
G Gook not out	32
R G Williams c Smith b Donald	8
D J Wild c Humpage b Small	17
†D Ripley not out	23
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 1, nb 3)	11
Total (6 wkts, 60 overs)	136

J G Thomas, C E L Ambrose and M A Robinson did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-18, 3-29, 4-46, 5-58, 6-94.
Bonus points: Northamptonshire 2, Warwickshire 3.
Umpires: D O Oslear and B Dudleston.

IAN STEWART
Double hit: Reeve, of Warwickshire, on his way to a double-century

Glamorgan have slight advantage

By John Woodcock

BRISTOL (second day of four): Glamorgan, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 257 runs ahead of Gloucestershire

BY GAINING a first-innings lead of 120, Glamorgan kept themselves very much in their game with Gloucestershire yesterday, this despite being without Holmes and Maynard, who are nursing broken fingers and will not bat. Gloucestershire look like having to make the biggest score of the match to win it, on a pitch which no one quite trusts.

Frost, with the ball, and Butcher and Cowley with the bat, stepped into the breach for Glamorgan, Butcher again playing with the most admirable resolution, and Cowley giving him valuable help when Glamorgan were wilting in their second innings. The 85 which these two put on after tea, after Richards had been leg-before to Walsh, were vital.

Glamorgan have every reason to be pleased with their three imports; on the day, last August, when Surrey told Frost they would not be requiring his services any more, he took five for 40 against Leicestershire. Now he took five again, all of them wickets that mattered. He is tall, bowls with a good, high arm, at a lively pace, and he pitches the ball up. Having bowled Wright with his first ball yesterday, he was responsible for first raising Glamorgan's spirits.

Cowley's contract has given him a new lease of life at 37. The personification of the old pro, he has already played more championship cricket this season than he did in the whole of last with Hampshire. In his first-class innings for Glamorgan he has now scored 152 runs for once out — and that a run-out. He came in, too, when Walsh and Lawrence were making little attempt to aim at the stumps so much as at the bridge of the batsman's nose.

To see Russell in the morning preparing for the fray was to know what things have come to in this respect. From a distance of perhaps seven yards he had another of the Gloucestershire side throwing the ball at his head, so as to practice ducking and weaving. Cricket was never meant to be like that.

In the event Glamorgan bowled a fairly full length, and in the best partnership of the Gloucestershire innings (36 for the eighth wicket), Russell and Walsh not only avoided the possibility of a follow-on, but did so with some jolly batting.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 291 (A R Butcher 83, M P Maynard 55 ret hurt, N G Cowley 51 not out; C A Walsh 4 for 62).

Second Innings

*A R Butcher c Wright b Lloyds	53
H Morris c Russell b Lawrence	1
I V A Richards lbw b Walsh	1
I Smith c Athey b Lawrence	14
N G Cowley not out	50
G C Holmes not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 10)	18
Total (4 wkts)	137

M P Maynard, †C P Metson, S J Dennis, S L Watkin and M Frost to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-11, 3-51, 4-136.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

M C J Ball c Richards b Frost	5
*A J Wright b Frost	3
A W Stovold c Metson b Frost	7
P Bainbridge b Watkin	35
C W J Athey c Smith b Dennis	8
K M Curran c Metson b Watkin	47
J W Lloyds c Metson b Frost	9
M W Alleyne b Frost	0
†R C Russell c Metson b Dennis	33
C A Walsh not out	19
D V Lawrence b Cowley	1
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 1)	4
Total (61.3 overs)	171

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-11, 3-28, 4-43, 5-75, 6-96, 7-96, 8-134, 9-168.
BOWLING: Frost 14-4-42-5; Watkin 18-5-55-2; Dennis 15-5-46-2; Cowley 14.3-6-25-1.
Bonus points: Gloucestershire 4, Glamorgan 7.
Umpires: J D Bond and K E Palmer.

Middlesex fade but stay ahead

By Ivo Tennant

LORD'S (second day of four): Kent, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, lead Middlesex by 42 runs

OFF the field, there was cacophony from the incompleted building at the Nursery End, on it a lack of concentration which pervaded much of the batting. Whether or not the two were connected, they made for an unexceptional day. At the end of it, Middlesex remained more likely victors.

From 183 for three at lunch, they had lost their last seven wickets by tea for an additional 89 runs. On this kind of pitch and against an attack which was no more than straightforward, Haynes or Gatting or both would have expected to play a notable innings.

Their dismissals encapsulated their side's cricket. Haynes had made 36 when he was stumped swishing at a slower ball from Cowdrey outside leg stump. Gatting reached a half-century without quite being at his best and then swung across a slow full toss.

Even Brown, who also made a half-century and who has never been known to give his wicket away, tamely pushed a catch to silly mid-on. So it continued. Roseberry was out shaping to hook, Downton drove loosely at a wide one from Ealham, Williams struck a long hop to cover point. A total that should have been in excess of 400 stuck on 272, the last three wickets falling without addition.

For all that, Middlesex had a first-innings lead of 76, and they had two Kent batsmen, in Hinks and Benson, out before it had been cleared. Taylor, though, remained for a well-earned half-century.

KENT: First Innings 196 (M V Fleming 69; N F Williams 7 for 61).

Second Innings

S G Hinks c Haynes b Fraser	5
M R Benson c Emburey b Williams	24
N R Taylor not out	55
T R Ward lbw b Fraser	13
*C S Cowdrey not out	19
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (3 wkts)	118

M V Fleming, †S A Marsh, M A Ealham, C Penn, T A Merrick and R P Davis to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-83, 3-83.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

D L Haynes st Marsh b Cowdrey	36
M A Roseberry c Ward b Merrick	50
*M W Gatting b Merrick	58
M R Ramprakash c Ward b Penn	9
K R Brown c Taylor b Davis	58
†P R Downton c Marsh b Ealham	19
N F Williams c Taylor b Penn	16
J E Emburey c Marsh b Merrick	3
S P Hughes c Davis b Penn	4
A R C Fraser lbw b Merrick	0
N G Cowans not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 10)	17
Total	272

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-96, 3-145, 4-202, 5-247, 6-247, 7-267, 8-272, 9-272.
BOWLING: Merrick 26-7-66-4; Penn 22-5-45-3; Fleming 21-7-49-0; Ealham 11-2-39-1; Davis 12-4-25-1; Cowdrey 12-2-41-1.
Bonus points: Middlesex 7, Kent 4.
Umpires: J H Hampshire and M J Kitchen.

Tavaré and Harden thrive in the absence of Hadlee

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

TAUNTON (Somerset won toss; first day of three): The New Zealanders, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 321 runs behind Somerset

A SUSPICION that the New Zealanders' bowling is precariously thin gained further confirmation yesterday. The strike force took a rest at Taunton and their deputies took heavy punishment on a pitch allowing little margin for error.

For 3½ hours in the middle of the day, Chris Tavaré and Richard Harden shared a fourth-wicket stand of 256 which, at times, bordered on the disdainful. No bowler suffered more grievously than Shane Thomson, aged 21, whose 17 overs cost 104 runs. When Tavaré declared, Jeff Crowe fell to Jones without scoring and the New Zealanders have a battle on their hands in this second match of the Tetley series.

It was a chastening experience for the touring side, after their win at Worcester, and particularly for Thomson who had begun the day by taking the potentially vital wicket of Jimmy Cook in only his second over. Somerset, indeed, were labouring at 70 for three before the tone of the day was irretrievably altered.

There was a hint of moisture in the pitch for the first hour. Hadlee and Morrison would undoubtedly have been quite a proposition but both had the match off and the steadiness of Snedden was in stark contrast to the philanthropy of his colleagues.

Snedden has assumed the role vacated by Chatfield, now retired, and will have a heavy workload in the Test matches. His wicket-taking ability should not however be underestimated. He brought one back off the pitch to dismiss Roebuck and then had the left-hander, Hardy, caught behind as he pushed forward to a ball planted across him.

Between the two came the demise of Cook for 31, a comparative flop by his singular standards. As if bored by his own proximity to perfection, he aimed a firm-footed drive at a widish ball and was caught behind to the accompaniment of disbelieving gasps.

The afternoon session was totally one-sided. Thomson's length was woeful and, in four overs, he conceded nine fours. Millmow, yet to play a Test, was marginally more tidy and Priest's left-arm spin still looks to have possibilities. When he finally dismissed Harden, it was through cleverly holding one back.

By then, of course, the damage was done. Tavaré, making his second century of the season, was savage on anything loose, acquiring many of his 28 fours in the area between long leg and mid-on. He batted for four hours, giving only one chance on 140, before being bowled off his pads by Snedden.

Harden was also reprieved once but there was much to like about the seventh century of his career.

SOMERSET: First Innings

S J Cook c Parore b Thomson	31
P M Roebuck lbw b Snedden	17
J J E Hardy c Parore b Snedden	13
*C J Tavaré b Snedden	156
R J Harden c Millmow b Priest	104
†N D Burns c Parore b Snedden	1
A N Hayhurst not out	3
G D Rose not out	12
Extras (lb 5, nb 1)	6
Total (6 wkts dec)	343

I G Swallow, J C Hallett and A N Jones did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-48, 3-70, 4-326, 5-328, 6-329.
BOWLING: Millmow 16-4-56-0; Snedden 30-7-79-4; Thomson 17-2-104-1; Priest 27-8-79-1; Rutherford 3-0-13-0; Jones 2-0-8-0.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

T J Franklin not out	11
J J Crowe c and b Jones	0
†A C Parore not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 1, nb 1)	10
Total (1 wkt)	22

A H Jones, *M D Crowe, M J Greatbatch, K R Rutherford, S A Thomson, M W Priest, M C Snedden and J P Millmow to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-9.
Umpires: D J Constant and D R Shepherd.

DeFreitas brings life to slow Lancashire

By Richard Streeton

DERBY (second day of four): Derbyshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 340 runs behind Lancashire

APART from a much needed spur applied by Phillip DeFreitas, the Lancashire innings yesterday continued to meander in dreary fashion. They declared just before tea when DeFreitas was stumped after he struck 79 from 107 balls.

A sluggish pitch, which took turn was, perhaps, the chief culprit. The failure of the Lancashire batsmen to score more quickly, however, was put into perspective when the Derbyshire innings began.

Barnett and Morris put on 93 confident runs. Morris was caught behind against one that lifted and turned from Atherton. Five minutes before the close Barnett was caught on the legside as he tried to glance Fitton.

Lancashire, resuming at 223 for two from 98 overs, reached 300 in the 134th over, and 400 in the 171st. By this time DeFreitas, driving strongly, was into his stride. Jesty, his partner, needed 51 overs for his half-century.

Atherton and Fairbrother, the overnight pair, dawdled from the start. Derbyshire's spinners bowled 21 overs in the first hour with only two fours hit. Atherton, after batting 4¼ hours, missed a century by seven runs when he was late as he played back to a faster ball by Barnett.

When Derbyshire took the new ball only one slip was stationed, which underlined that on this pitch containment could be the only aim.

Fairbrother, 68 overs for 63, was caught at slip from a loose shot when he tried to change gear after lunch. DeFreitas looked for runs from the start but Jesty at one point managed three in 75 minutes.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis c Roberts b Miller	90
G Fowler b Barnett	25
M A Atherton b Barnett	93
N H Fairbrother c Kuiper b Jean-Jacques	63
T E Jesty not out	55
P A J DeFreitas st Krikken b Barnett	79
Extras (b 17, lb 18, w 1, nb 4)	40
Total (5 wkts dec)	445

Score at 100 overs: 225 for 2.
J D Fitton, *D P Hughes, P J W Allott, †W K Hegg and P J Martin did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79, 2-171, 3-67, 4-325, 5-445.
BOWLING: Base 39-8-67-0; Jean-Jacques 34-5-112-1; Miller 59-17-111-1; Goldsmith 11-2-38-0; Barnett 33.3-4-81-3.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Hegg b Fitton	69
J E Morris c Hegg b Atherton	27
S J Base not out	9
M Jean-Jacques not out	0
Extras	0
Total (2 wkts, 39 overs)	105

P D Bowler, A P Kuiper, C J Adams, B Roberts, S C Goldsmith, †K M Krikken and G Miller to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-93, 2-105.
Bonus points: Derbyshire 0, Lancashire 2.
Umpires: H D Bird and R Palmer.

Smith's blows make Sussex smart

By Geoffrey Wheeler

HAMPSHIRE became the fourth team to reach 600 this season as they piled on the agony against Sussex at Southampton yesterday. David Gower's first century for his new county was overshadowed by a powerful display by Robin Smith, who made 127 of the 190 runs scored in the morning session and went on to reach 181, with the aid of four sixes and 23 fours in 223 minutes.

Smith, missed four times, and Gower, who made exactly 100 of his 145 in boundaries, added 256 in 48 overs for the third wicket and there was more big hitting from Marshall, Parks and Maru before Hampshire declared at 600 for eight, a lead of 448.

There were remarkable goings-on at Grace Road, where the Leicestershire captain, Nigel Briers, carried his bat for 157 in a total of 359 and Andy Pick, the Nottinghamshire fast bowler, returned a career-best seven for 128.

It looked extremely long odds against Nottinghamshire avoiding the follow-on when they crashed to 43 for six against Agnew and Lewis.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Camb Univ v Essex

FENNER'S (Essex won toss; first day of three): Cambridge University, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 296 runs behind Essex

ESSEX: First Innings

J P Stephenson c Buzza b Lowrey	58
A C Seymour lbw b Jenkins	28
P J Prichard c Heap b Pyman	116
†M A Garnham c James b Jenkins	26
B R Hardie not out	22
*D R Pringle c Morris b Pyman	58
Extras (lb 7, nb 4)	11
Total (5 wkts dec)	319

T D Topley, M A Allott, J H Childs, S J W Andrew and P M Such did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-197, 3-235, 4-239, 5-319.
BOWLING: Johnson 8-0-59-0; Jenkins 25-7-88-2; Pyman 22.1-7-46-2; Buzza 21-2-90-0; Atkinson 2-0-23-0; Lowrey 9-1-26-1.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

S P James c Topley b Andrew	5
R Heap not out	6
R A Pyman c Stephenson b Andrew	0
A Buzza not out	4
Extras (b 4, w 1, nb 3)	8
Total (2 wkts)	23

M J Lowrey, *J C M Atkinson, M J Morris, S W Johnson, G B Dyer, †J Arscott and R H W Jenkins to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-17.
Umpires: G I Burgess and J W Holder.

Leics v Notts

LEICESTER (second day of four): Leicestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 24 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Randall b Pick	1
*N E Briers not out	157
J J Whitaker lbw b Pick	43
P Willey c Robinson b Hemmings	30
L Potter b Pick	24
C C Lewis lbw b Pick	1
†P Whitticase retired hurt	2
M I Gidley st French b Afford	8
J P Agnew c Afford b Pick	36
G J F Ferris lbw b Pick	35
A D Mullally c French b Pick	0
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 3, nb 11)	22
Total	359

Score at 100 overs: 269 for 6.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-67, 3-107, 4-171, 5-173, 6-185, 7-301, 8-357, 9-359.
BOWLING: Stephenson 27-4-98-0; Pick 34.5-5-128-7; M Saxelby 10-2-39-0; Hemmings 22-6-58-1; Afford 29-17-28-1.

Second Innings

L Potter not out	12
N E Briers not out	13
Extras	1
Total (no wkt)	26

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Boon b Agnew	3
D J R Martindale c Sub b Lewis	9
*R T Robinson lbw b Agnew	0
P Johnson c Sub b Lewis	4
D W Randall c Whitaker b Ferris	120
M Saxelby b Agnew	11
F D Stephenson c Boon b Agnew	0
†B N French b Mullally	37
E E Hemmings c Whitaker b Agnew	83
R A Pick b Ferris	22
J A Afford not out	1
Extras (b 33, lb 28, w 2, nb 10)	71
Total (75 overs)	361

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-11, 3-21, 4-22, 5-39, 6-43, 7-99, 8-262, 9-358.
BOWLING: Lewis 22-1-92-2; Agnew 22-4-85-5; Mullally 14-2-65-1; Ferris 11-1-37-2; Gidley 5-1-23-0; Willey 1-1-0-0.
Bonus points: Leicestershire 7, Nottinghamshire 5.
Umpires: B J Meyer and N T Plews.

Yorks v Zimbabwe

HEADINGLEY (Zimbabwe won toss; first day of three): Zimbabwe, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 290 runs behind Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon c Pycroft b Shah	130
A A Metcalfe c Brandes b Duers	49
†R J Blakey c James b Brandes	5
S A Kellett lbw b Brandes	0
P E Robinson b Flower	13
C White c and b Flower	9
D Byas c Flower b Shah	3
P A Grayson c James b Brandes	10
C S Pickles not out	54
P J Hartley b Duers	3
D Gough not out	7
Extras (b 6, lb 8, w 1)	15
Total (9 wkts dec)	298

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-128, 3-128, 4-188, 5-218, 6-220, 7-225, 8-261, 9-290.
BOWLING: Brandes 21-5-75-3; Dube 4-1-19-0; Butchart 7-1-19-0; Duers 18-5-83-2; Shah 26-7-48-2; Brent 6-1-29-0; Flower 16-4-33-2.

ZIMBABWE: First Innings

G Flower c Robinson b Hartley	0
A H Shah not out	2
†W R James not out	6
Extras	0
Total (1 wkt)	8

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0.
G A Briant, C M Robertson, *A J Pycroft, K D Duers, I T Butchart, J P Brent, E A Brandes and L E Dube to bat.
Umpires: B Leadbeater and K J Lyons.

Hampshire v Sussex

SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four): Sussex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 424 runs behind Hampshire

SUSSEX: First Innings 152 (A C S Pigott 50; Bakker 4 for 51).

Second Innings

N J Lenham not out	11
†P Moores c C L Smith b Bakker	5
I D K Salisbury not out	3
Extras (lb 5)	5
Total (1 wkt)	24

D M Smith, A P Wells, M P Speight, *C M Wells, I J Gould, A I C Dodemaide, A C S Pigott and A R Hansford to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-20.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry c Moores b Dodemaide	40
C L Smith b Salisbury	35
D I Gower c A P Wells b Dodemaide	145
R A Smith c Moores b C M Wells	181
M D Marshall c Gould b Hansford	85
*M C J Nicholas c Gould b Hansford	12
†R J Parks c Speight b C M Wells	36
R J Maru not out	54
I J Turner st Moores b Salisbury	1
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 2)	11
Total (8 wkts dec)	600

Score at 100 overs: 458 for 4.
C A Connor and P J Bakker did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-68, 2-112, 3-368, 4-453, 5-496, 6-507, 7-593, 8-600.
BOWLING: Pigott 20-2-87-0; Dodemaide 37-8-161-2; Salisbury 28.3-2-159-2; Hansford 26-2-102-2; C M Wells 25-1-73-2; Lenham 3-1-9-0.
Bonus points: Hampshire 5, Sussex 1.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and A A Jones.

Oxford U v Surrey

THE PARKS (Oxford won toss; first day of three): Oxford University are 258 for four against Surrey

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

D A Hagan c Thorpe b Greig	17
*R E Morris c Ward b M P Bicknell	96
M J Kilborn c Ward b Thorpe	11
G J Turner c Clinton b Kendrick	34
M A Crawley not out	54
P D Lunn not out	21
Extras (b 7, lb 7, w 6, nb 5)	25
Total (4 wkts)	258

S D Weale, H R Davies, P S Gerrans, I Henderson and †J McGrady to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-81, 3-158, 4-187.
SURREY: G S Clinton, D J Bicknell, A J Stewart, M A Lynch, G P Thorpe, †D M Ward, *I A Greig, K T Medlycott, N M Kendrick, M P Bicknell and J D Robinson.
Umpires: P J Eele and V A Holder.

GOLF

Ballesteros aims to swing it with brotherly advice

From Mel Webb
Monza

WHEN you sit down with a man such as *Severiano Ballesteros* and he tells you in all seriousness that he is reconstructing his swing, the claim is likely to meet with one of two widely differing responses. The first is to laugh — not a good idea — and the second is to pin back your ears, crank up the grey matter and hope to understand what the deuce he can be thinking of.

The reaction among the press corps while it chatted to the great man here yesterday as he prepared for the start today of the Italian Open fell into the second camp; quiet incredulity was the order of the day as Ballesteros told everybody what had been amiss.

Well, it was all wrong when he won the Open Championship in 1979, for a start. Too upright, apparently. The same fault enabled him to win the Masters in 1980 and 1983, and was still there when he took the Open for the second time in 1984.

So, poor chap, presumably discouraged that by the age of 27 he had won only four major championships and 30-odd titles world-wide, he changed his method and started turning more and swinging flatter.

That did not work, either. Since then he has won only another 25 tournaments and the Open for the second time in 1988.

It has also, more seriously, produced the occasional disastrous pull-hook, which, he reckons, cost him the 1986 Masters when he put the ball in the water on the 15th in the last round when in serious contention, and also his Ryder Cup singles match against Paul Azinger at The Belfry last autumn when he dunked his ball in the lake on the last hole.

So now he is hoping that the third swing of his career, work on which led him to hit 3,000 balls last week under the critical eyes of his brothers, Vicente and Baldomero, will bear some fruit in the next four days as he attempts to win one of only three national open championships that have eluded him in Europe.

Vicente has come to Monza to supervise *his little brother's* lessons. There will be no slacking, either.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	499	5	10	221	3
2	420	4	11	384	4
3	196	3	12	156	3
4	347	4	13	451	4
5	420	4	14	492	5
6	386	4	15	459	4
7	200	3	16	517	5
8	397	4	17	382	4
9	556	5	18	454	4
Out	3,421	36	In	3,516	36

Total yardage: 6,937 Par: 72

SWIMMING

Moorhouse prepares for Volkov

By Craig Lord

ADRIAN Moorhouse and Dmitri Volkov, the fastest breaststroke swimmers in the world, *will renew their rivalry* at the Monte Carlo international meeting from June 1 to 3.

The contest, at which 16 nations will race, represents their first meeting since the 100 metres world record-holder, from Yorkshire, beat the Russian into third place at the European championships in Bonn last August.

Competing away from Moorhouse, Volkov has flourished this year. In February, he broke his own world record at 50 metres and, more significant, reduced Moorhouse's 100 metres world best time (in a metres pool) by 0.45sec to 59.30sec. But the City of Leeds swimmer has also produced top form, equalling his own world record (50 metres pool) of 1min 01.49sec at the Commonwealth Games in January.

At the Bonn meeting in February, Volkov said his main ambition was to beat Moorhouse and break his world record in doing so. However, he has yet to defeat Moorhouse at an important championship. None the less, Monte Carlo will be a tough test for Moorhouse.

An elite group of English TSB squad members will accompany Moorhouse to Monaco. Madeleine Scarborough, of Portsmouth Northsea, will seek to reaffirm her status as World Cup butterfly champion, while Suki Brownsdon, of Wigan Wasps, competes in seven races. *They face a severe challenge* from a strong East German team and rivals from the United States, The Netherlands and China. The fourth member of the squad is Tim Jones.

EQUESTRIANISM

Speed-up urged by Princess

By Jenny MacArthur

THE Princess Royal, the president of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI), said yesterday she would like to see faster disciplinary procedures. "The FEI's judicial process needs speeding up . . . what is reprehensible in these cases is the time-lag," she said. The Princess Royal was speaking at a press conference for the Polly Peck International Three-Day Event at Windsor.

Her comments follow the protracted case of Ian Stark, the Olympic silver medal winner. His horse, Foxy V, proved positive in a drugs test after winning the Werribee three-day event in Australia in October but it took the FEI judicial committee until March to tell Stark of his three-month ban. He has appealed and the case is still unresolved.

The Princess Royal made a comparison with racing where similar cases are dealt with in a matter of a couple of weeks.

The security at Werribee — where spectators were allowed into the stable area after the cross country — was minimal. There are no fears of a similar problem at the Windsor event, from May 25 to 27 — there is only one entrance to the stable area and this is monitored.

Virginia Leng, the world champion, heads the strong entry. She is entered with her two young horses, Welton Chitchat and Welton Houdini. The others include Mary Thomson, the winner of Windsor in 1987 *and 1989, who will ride King* James; Rodney Powell, a European team gold medal winner, on Limmy's Comet, and Karen Straker, an Olympic team silver medal winner, on Park Keeper.

POLO

Gonzales in goal spree

WITH the Texaco Cup challenge now in the semi-final phase, Tramontana faced Cowdray Park at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday (John Watson writes). Cowdray, aggregating a team handicap of 15 against Tramontana's 16, started half a goal up, but Tramontana overcame *this to win 13-4½.*

Tramontana not only produced superior team balance and interplay, but also fielded a stronger attacking composition. Roberto Gonzales, the Argentinian with a seven-handicap who scored six goals for the winners, was frequently unmarked and was beautifully supported by his colleagues, who were always ready to change positions.

Anthony Embiricos, the player-patron of Tramontana, was a particularly impressive No. 1. The second half of the encounter saw Cowdray Park badly demoralized.

TRAMONTANA: 1, A Embiricos (3); 2, C Bethell (4); 3, R Gonzales (7); Back, J Gaunt (2).
COWDRAY PARK: 1, V Evans (1); 2, T Excurra (6); 3, P Withers (6); Back, C Fraser (2).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

FA Cup final Replay
Crystal Palace v Manchester Utd (at Wembley, 7.30)

CRICKET

Tour matches
11.0, 104 overs minimum
TAUNTON: Somerset v New Zealanders
HEADINGLEY: *Yorkshire v Zimbabweans*

Britannic Assurance Championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Lancashire
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Sussex
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Kent
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire

Other matches
11.30 to 6.30
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Essex
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Surrey
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Southend: Essex v Northamptonshire; Swansea: Glamorgan v Somerset; Bournemouth: Hampshire v Leicestershire; Canterbury: Kent v Surrey; Liverpool: Lancashire v Derbyshire; Uxbridge: Middlesex v Worcestershire; Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Welsh women's championship (Ashburton); Scottish women's championship (Machrihanish); Northern Open (Nairn); Irish professional championships (Woodbrook).
SPEEDWAY: Gold Cup Belle Vue v Cradley Heath; Knockout Cup preliminary round, second leg: Oxford v Coventry. 4TT: Second leg: Edinburgh v Newcastle v Glasgow v Berwick; Ipswich v Rye House v Arena Essex v Hackney.
TENNIS: Hi-Tec spring satellite masters (Bournemouth).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN SPORT: BSB 4.30-6pm.
ATHLETICS: Screensport 11.30pm-1am: S and W invitational from California.
BASKETBALL: Eurosport 3.30-5 and 9-10.30pm and BSB 6.30-7pm: American league.
CYCLING: Screensport 9.30-10am, 12-1 and 3.15-3.45pm: Tour de Trump.
EQUESTRIANISM: Screensport 4-6pm: Windsor Horse Show.
FOOTBALL: BSB 2-4pm: Scotland v Egypt from Aberdeen: Eurosport 2-3pm: World Cup preview: BBC1 7.20-9.30pm: FA Cup final replay: Live coverage of Crystal Palace v Manchester United from Wembley.
GOLF: Screensport 10am-midday and BSB 9.30-10pm: Memorial Tournament from Ohio.
HOCKEY: Eurosport 5-6pm: World Cup: Netherlands v Korea from Sydney.
ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 7.30-9.30pm: National Hockey League.
KICK BOXING: Eurosport 11.30am-midday: From Amsterdam.
MOBIL MOTOR SPORT NEWS: Eurosport 11-11.30am.
MOTORCYCLING: BSB 11pm-midnight: Moto-cross, TT and Grand Prix racing.
MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 6-7pm: IMSA GTP.
MOTOR WORLD: BSB 7-7.30pm.
POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 7-8am.
RACING: BSB 1.30-2pm: 10-10.30pm: News and previews: C4 2.30-4.30pm: 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 from York: Screensport 7-7.30pm: WWS Maryland Pimlico Special Race.
RUGBY LEAGUE: BSB 8-9.30pm (The Main Event): Australian league: Screensport 8-9.30pm: French Cup.
SPORTSDESK: BSB 1.25, 6.0, 7.30, 10.30pm and midnight.
SPORTS PORTRAIT: BSB 4-4.30pm: Sports star profile.
TENNIS: Eurosport 12-2pm and 10.30pm-1.30am: The Lufthansa Cup (women) from Berlin: AT and T Challenge.
TENPIN BOWLING: Screensport 2.30-3.15pm: British Matchplay.
UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.
VOLLEYBALL: Eurosport 8.30-10.30am: Women's World championships from Spain.
WIDE WORLD OF SPORT: Screensport 9.30-10.30pm.

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A chill draught blows down the years as England warm to their task in football's World Cup

Beware of the Roman candle-light

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

IN THE early hours of yesterday morning Bobby Robson, the England manager, stopped short of echoing Sir Alf Ramsey's famous and ultimately accurate prediction about the destiny of the World Cup 24 years ago. He preferred instead to state that England will travel to Italy next week carrying not so much expectation as "a feeling of growing optimism".

He intimated that the candle of hope burns brightly because of the unbeaten run which, after the narrow victory over Denmark on Tuesday night, stands at 17 games. His argument rests on a solid statistical foundation. The figures suggest that England are the best side in the world.

No one, not even Brazil, Italy, Netherlands or West Germany, has compiled a similarly unblemished record over the last two years. But records can be deceptive. Robson does not need to be reminded, for instance, of his own side's form before the European championship.

One defeat in West Germany was the lone blot during an otherwise clean sheet of 16 matches from October 1986 to May 1988. England travelled to the tournament with the same "feeling of growing optimism", only to be immediately deflated by three successive losses, the equal of the worst run of Robson's national managerial career.

The best has followed. World Cup finalists, such as Brazil, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, have been beaten along the way but, before basking in the candle-light, it is as well to reflect on the threats posed by two nations who have not qualified for the tournament.

Poland, in Katowice last October, and Denmark, especially during the first half at Wembley, resembled a stiff breeze blowing across English hopes. In the words of Robson, "they caused us a bit of turbulence". In particular, they again illustrated a defensive deficiency which has long been apparent.

England remain vulnerable to the swift counter-attack and especially against opponents who run at them. It is a flaw which cannot be wholly covered by Walker, who has developed so rapidly that his excellence is now taken for granted. "He is vital to us," Robson said.

Even so, had three different Danish defenders taken the instinct of a forward with them on their breaks before the interval, the remarkable record of England's regular defensive unit would have been damaged. Since Walker joined Shilton, Stevens, Pearce and Butcher, only one goal has been conceded in 10 games.

Almost all of the genuine contenders in the World Cup will line up at the rear like Denmark, with a sweeper tidying up behind two markers. The midfield, reinforced by the full backs, is numerically stronger (five men as opposed to England's four) and the system is more flexible.

Andersen, Olsen and Sivebaek were in turn all able temporarily to leave their defensive duties, for example, and endanger England. Nor was that the only way in which the Danes closely resembled the superior sides that have earned the right to assemble in Italy next month.

They did not readily concede possession until the risk was worthwhile. In searing heat, when dehydration and exhaustion will sooner or later invade minds and bodies alike, that will be one of the most critical factors. The English game is not naturally designed to accommodate a custom so prevalent on the Continent.

McMahon has yet to appreciate the unfamiliar art and Gascoigne is still learning to master it. Waddle can be excused for his unusual waywardness as he was visibly suffering from mental and physical fatigue. Rocastle, his belated substitute, should have been offered more than merely a token gesture.

Hodge, on the other flank, confirmed his place in the World Cup squad to be announced on Monday. "That was his best game for England," according to Robson, who declared that his list of 22 chosen men is complete. Beasant and Smith seem certain to regret his decision.

Whether he picks Adams or Wright and either Steven or Rocastle, one individual is still his leading light. Lineker, he believes, could finish his international career as England's highest scorer. With the lone goal against Denmark, he requires 14 to surpass Greaves and 19 to overtake Bobby Charlton's total of 49.

"It is on," Robson said. "He's a marked man but he's got the ability to take the one chance. His goal was typical, tucking away a low, fast cross. He's improved since the 1986 World Cup and so have those who form the rest of the nucleus.

"You never know the future but we've matched all of the teams we've played in the last two years and we've often been better." Yet, as in midweek and against the Brazilians two months ago, the striking accuracy of Lineker represents the difference between a marginal victory and the possibility of defeat or, as will soon be the case, elimination.

YACHTING

Rothmans revives her challenge for third place overall

By Barry Pickthall

THE leading British maxi, Rothmans, skippered by Lawrie Smith, renewed her challenge for third place in the Whitbread Round the World Race yesterday as the leading New Zealand ketches, Fisher & Paykel and Steinlager 2, closed to within 1,000 miles of the Southampton finish.

Smith and his crew, who lost 287 miles on the leaders when they were forced into port to repair broken rigging earlier in the leg, climbed up to sixth place overnight alongside the Russian entry, Fazisi. More important, Rothmans has narrowed the gap with Merit, her Swiss rival for third place, to 30 miles and Smith remains hopeful that local knowledge along the English coast will help them during the closing stages.

Eighty miles ahead, Fisher & Paykel was clinging to a five-mile lead over Steinlager yesterday, promising a thrilling finish to this 33,000-mile race late on Sunday. Behind these two, a similar tussle is developing between the Spanish maxi, Fortuna, and Roger Nilson's Swedish ketch, The Card. Yesterday Fortuna held the advantage by two miles but Merit is chasing just 11 miles behind the Swedish ketch.

One of the fastest performances yesterday was by Bob Salmon's Liverpool Enterprise in thirteenth place. The former South African yacht maintained an average of 10 knots despite the fact that two of her crew are confined to their bunks with back problems and another crewman, Nick Payne, has broken a bone in his foot.

Further back in the fleet, L'Esprit de Liberté, Rucanor Sport and Maiden, the three leaders in division 3 were caught up in a search for a French fisherman who had fallen overboard. Bruno Dubois, Rucanor's skipper, reported later that the man had been found dead.

Yesterday, Rucanor and Maiden, who remain one mile apart, closed to within 42 miles of Patrick Tabarly's division leading L'Esprit de Liberté, promising another nail-biting finish next week.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 13:05 GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton): Maxi division: 1, Fisher & Paykel (G Dalton, NZ), 1,113 miles; 2, Steinlager 2 (P Blake, NZ), 1,122; 3, Fortuna (J Santana, Sp), 1,153; 4, The Card (R Nilson, Swe), 1,155; 5, Merit (P Fehlmann, Switz), 1,164; equal 6, Rothmans (L Smith, GB) & Fazisi (V Alexeevi), 1,194; 8, UBF Finland (L Ingvall, Fin), 1,201; 9, Belmont Finland (H Harkimo, Fin), 1,202; 10, Charles Jourdan (A Gabbay, Fr), 1,232; 11, NCB Ireland (J English, Ire), 1,246; 12, Gatorade (J Herve, It), 1,310; 13, Liverpool Enterprise (B Salmon, GB), 1,337; 14, Sasquota British Defender (Cdr C Watkins, GB), 1,488. Division 2: 1, Equity & Law (D Nauta, Neth), 1,522. Division 3: 1, L'Esprit de Liberté (P Tabarly, Fr), 1,481; 2, Rucanor Sport (B Dubois, Bel), 1,523; 3, Maiden (T Edwards GB), 1,540; 4, Schussel von Bremen (H Muller-Rohlk, WG), 1,694; 5, La Poste (B Malle, Fr), 1,858. Cruiser division: 1, Creightons Naturally (J Chittenden, GB), 1,282; 2, With Integrity (A Coghill, GB), 1,584.
● Compiled by British Telecom.

Injury slows Japanese chase after the leader

By Malcolm McKeag

EDDIE Warden Owen, of Britain, held a clear lead yesterday at the end of the first day's racing in the Sunsail Royal Lymington Cup match-race tournament with five wins in the five heats sailed.

Makoto Namba, of Japan, with four wins, shares second with three others and must find a replacement for Ken Hara, a member of his crew who spent last night in Lymington Hospital with a shoulder injury sustained during the race against Marc Bouet, of France.

Namba, one of the nominated skippers for the Japanese America's Cup challenge, won his first three races — against Peponnet, of France, Blachford, of Great Britain, and Johannson, of Sweden — in a style that demonstrated how much he has improved since he first appeared on the circuit three years ago.

He lost to David Bedford, who earned his Lymington place by winning last year's British national match championship; Bedford has three wins to keep alive his chance of a place in the semi-final.

The round-robin racing finishes today with the remaining semi-finals and finals scheduled for tomorrow.

RESULTS: Sunsail Royal Lymington Cup: First day: 1, Warden-Owen (GB), 5 wins, 0 losses; equal 2, Namba (Japan), Bedford (GB), MacDonald (Can), Bandalowski (Den), 3, 2; equal 6, Bouet (Fr), Heiner (Neth), Johannson (Swe), Peponnet (Fr), 2, 3; 10, Blachford (GB), 0, 5.

FOOTBALL

Youngsters called into full squad by Bingham

By George Ace

BILLY Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, has added three of the under-23 team which lost to the Republic of Ireland at Portadown on Tuesday night to his party for tomorrow night's final warm-up match for the European championship qualifiers, against Uruguay at Windsor Park.

John Devine, the Glentoran defender, who scored the second Northern Ireland goal in a 3-2 defeat and who was again watched by Chris Nicholl, the Southampton manager, Stephen Morrow, the Arsenal reserve full back, and Mark Todd, the Sheffield United forward, joined the senior squad in a work-out yesterday afternoon.

"Tommy Wright, the Newcastle United goalkeeper, will join the panel tomorrow morning and I expect Mal Donaghy to fly in on Friday morning after the FA Cup final replay," Bingham said.

The manager expressed satisfaction tempered with a little disappointment over Tuesday night's performance by the under-23 team. "They played particularly well in the first half and McBride and Devine scored fine goals. But the team tired and lost their way in the second period against a more experienced side."

Despite showing signs of uneasiness at the back, with Taggart, who had such an impressive debut against Norway, finding it difficult to come to terms with his game, Northern Ireland strung together some fine attacking moves and deserved their 2-0 lead at half-time. McBride scored a goal of stunning quality from 25 yards and Devine's back-header from Todd's corner in the 44th minute was a superb effort.

But lack of experience and tired limbs took their toll in the second half and Sheridan, battling hard for a call-up to the World Cup from Jack Charlton, the Republic of Ireland manager, started to assert his authority.

Two goals in three minutes in the third quarter, the first by Quinn after neat approach play and a second by David Kelly, the left wing, from the penalty spot after Lennon had brought down Sheridan, left both teams with all to play for.

But it was the Republic who stayed in command. Kelly scored the winner 10 minutes from time and was unlucky in the final minutes not to add another, sending a flashing header just wide of an upright.

Uruguay trained on the outskirts of Belfast yesterday afternoon and visited Windsor Park last night. Oscar Tabaraz, their manager, is not expected to name his team until tomorrow and Bingham will not announce his until after a work-out tomorrow morning.

Holden is third central defender to withdraw

ANDY Holden, of Oldham Athletic, has pulled out of the Wales squad for the match against Costa Rica at Ninian Park on Saturday.

The central defender, aged 27, is still troubled by a hamstring injury he picked up in the FA Cup semi-final replay against Manchester United.

Holden is the third central defender to withdraw from the squad, joining Kevin Ratcliffe, of Everton, and Gavin Maguire, of Portsmouth, on the sidelines.

● Falkirk, the Scottish first division club, have appointed Jim Jefferies as their manager. He switches from Berwick Rangers, of the second division.

● BUCHAREST: Romania's World Cup warm-up match against fellow-finalists, Egypt, scheduled for Sunday, has been postponed for 24 hours because it clashes with the country's elections (Reuter reports). The Dinamo Bucharest forward, Dorin Mateut, the winner of the 1989 Golden Boot award, has been drafted into the squad, indicating he will take one of the last two places in the Romanian World Cup line-up.

● COLOMBIA WORLD CUP SQUAD: Goalkeepers: R Higuita (Atlético Nacional), E Niño (Santa Fe). Defenders: A Escobar (Young Boys, Switzerland), L F Herrera, L C Perea (Atlético Nacional), A Mendoza (Atlético Junior), G Gomez, L F Villa (Atlético Nacional), C M Hoyos (Atlético Junior). Midfield players: C Valderrama (Montpellier, France), L Alvarez, R Perez (Atlético Nacional), B Redín (Deportivo Cali), A Fajardo (Atlético Nacional), G J Gomez (Independiente de Medellín), W Cabrera (Santa Fe), F Rincon (América). Forwards: A Iguaran (Millonarios), R D Hernandez (Once Caldas), C E Estrada (Millonarios), M Guerrero (Junior), J J Trellez (Zurich).

● BELGRADE: Gheorghe Hagi, the Romanian midfield player, will join the Spanish champions, Real Madrid, from Steaua Bucharest after the World Cup finals (AP reports).

The claim was made by the Red Star Belgrade manager, Vladimir Cvetkovic, who met Ramon Mendosa, the Real Madrid president, at Belgrade airport. Cvetkovic said that Mendosa had also shown an interest in the young Red Star midfield players, Dejan Savicevic and Robert Prosinecki.

TENNIS

Looking sharp: Steffi Graf, on her way to a straight-sets victory over Katia Piccolini in Berlin yesterday

Forget flowering in the sun

From Richard Evans, Rome

AFTER eight years on the circuit, Guy Forget is still getting better, which is bad news for Britain's Davis Cup squad, which will find itself facing this smooth and elegant Frenchman later this year.

Yesterday, on a blissful afternoon at the Foro Italico, Forget stroked his way into the last 16 of the Italian Open by defeating Alexander Volkov, of the Soviet Union, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

Some players mature late — sometimes too late — but with Forget, now 25, there are all the signs that he will develop into a vintage player — if not quite *premier cru* then certainly *grand classe*.

Marriage and fatherhood have helped the process in the last couple of years and the results are beginning to nudge his ranking up towards the top 20. Reaching the final in Nice and the semi-finals last week in Hamburg have confirmed that Forget has the ability to use his big serve and sound volley to good effect, even on clay. At Wimbledon, where he reached the fourth round in 1987, he could be a threat if his confidence continues to rise.

Confidence is seeping back into the muscular game of the defending champion here, Alberto Mancini, who called a temporary halt to Henri Leconte's comeback by beating Forget's Davis Cup colleague, 6-4, 6-4.

Some of the tennis these two produced on the centre court was as dazzling as the weather but Leconte, not for the first time, lacked consistency. Mancini, suddenly starting to remember what it was like to let rip with his top-spin backhand, finally got his game into the kind of shape required to meet the No. 1 seed, Brad Gilbert, in the next round.

Before the sun set behind the hills, Paolo Cane gave the Romans something to yell about as he took the first set off Andrei Chesnokov. But the Soviet, too ill to turn up in Hamburg last week, seems to have recovered as he produced another of his unobtrusively effective displays to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Bentley earns another day off school

SARAH Bentley, who is taking an A level in business studies in three weeks' time, earned another day off school at the Hi-Tec satellite tournament at Bournemouth yesterday.

Bentley, aged 17, from Lincoln, came storming back from 2-4 down in the opening set to beat Karin Ptaszek, of Denmark, 6-4, 6-1 in a second round match. Her centre court victory in 99 minutes earned Bentley a place in the last eight.

Two other British teenagers, Colette Hall, aged 16, and Shirli-Ann Siddall, aged 15, both from Dorset, were beaten. Hall, from Weymouth, went down 6-0, 6-3 to Anna Benzon, of Italy. Siddall, from Poole, was beaten by Monica De Lennart.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Very late decider

IN THE longest ice hockey game ever played in a Stanley Cup final series, spanning 5½ hours, Edmonton Oilers beat Boston Bruins 3-2 on Tuesday.

The decisive goal came just over 15 minutes into the third period of overtime after Boston had levelled the scores at 2-2 only 89 seconds from the end of regulation time.

Out of action

Sean Rowlands, the Havant and England hockey goalkeeper, is out of the Great Britain squad for the BMW tournament in Amsterdam next month.

Holding on

Maesdu, the Llandudno-based golf club, retained the Welsh women's team title at Ashburnham yesterday with a 3-2 victory over Whitchurch.

Signing on

Ken Doherty, the world amateur snooker champion, has signed a five-year deal with Mark McCormack's International Management Group.

Case closed

Joe Lydon, the Wigan and Great Britain rugby league back, will not have to face the disciplinary committee as the board of directors has dismissed an allegation by Warrington that Lydon had committed a foul tackle on Paul Bishop during the Challenge Cup final.

Spare lane

The European six nations' junior track cycling competition at Kirkby this weekend will be a country short following East Germany's decision to turn down an invitation.

GOLF

Irish prefer to stay on course for the future

By a Special Correspondent

MANY of Ireland's leading European Tour regulars have been prepared to turn their noses up at the handsome rewards on offer at the Italian Open, which total £300,000, and support instead the modest Irish PGA championship at Woodbrook, worth Ir£50,000, which starts today.

All but Ronan Rafferty and David Feherty of Ireland's best golfers are in the line-up for an event they believe could prove to be the start of something big.

The likes of Eamonn Darcy, Philip Walton, Des Smyth and Christy O'Connor jun realize that the sponsorship of the Smurfit Group could lead, ultimately, to a bigger and better Irish PGA event being staged at the Kildare Hotel and Country Club, under construction at Straffan House.

The course was designed by Arnold Palmer, and there is a proposal before the PGA that it should be the venue for the 1993 Ryder Cup. Amid all the wrangling as to where that match will be held, the chances of Straffan being selected are receding, but it will be ready and back in contention for 1997.

Philip Walton is the defending champion at Woodbrook, which was a popular Tour venue in the 1960s and 1970s, when Carrolls first dipped their toes in the waters of golf promotion. Yesterday, however, there was a doubt concerning Walton's participation after a bout of food poisoning caused him to miss the preliminary pro-am.

EVENING RACING

Kempton Park

Going: good to firm

6.15 (1m) 1, Mamaras Bay (D Holland, 15-2); 2, Gibbot (8-1); 3, Lots Of Luckner (20-1); 4, Eladham (10-1). Lovely Flower & Hard Sell 6-1 jt-favs. 19 ran. Sh hd, 3l. B Hills. Tote: £8.10; £2.50, £2.10, £5.20, £3.70. DF: £40.90. CSF: £72.19. Tricast: £1,200.60.

6.45 (6f) 1, Aasheera (T Quinn, 8-5 fav); 2, Akdazzo (9-4); 3, Unveiled (10-1). 10 ran. NR: Flight Of Pleasure, Milly Black. 2½l, 4l. P Cole. £2.30; £1.30, £1.30, £1.60. DF: £2.60. CSF: £3.77.

7.15 (1m 4f) 1, Chaudee (C Asmussen, 7-2); 2, Green Emperor (3-1 fav); 3, La Ballerine (100-30). 8 ran. 2l, 2l. D Elsworth. Tote: £3.60; £1.20, £1.50, £1.40. DF: £5.50. CSF: £13.60. Tricast: £33.77.

Perth

Going: Chase, good to soft, Hdles, soft.

6.30 (2m hdle) 1, Far Out (J Lodder, 20-1); 2, Smoke (5-1); 3, Full Monty (15-8 fav). 13 ran. NR: Comme Ci Comme Ca. 1l, 5l. T Bailey. Tote: £18.90; £4.50, £2.40, £1.40. DF: £108.50. CSF: £116.13. After a steward's inquiry and objections by the 2nd & 4th to the winner, result stood.

7.0 (3m ch) 1, Mystic Music (Mr K Anderson, 4-9 fav); 2, Secret Bree (10-1); 3, Bronze Head (10-1). 8 ran. NR: Nelsons Beach. 1½l, 2½l. Miss H Wilson. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £2.40, £1.80. DF: £7.80. CSF: £8.27.

● Mystic Music, the easy 15-length winner of the Perth Hunt Balnakeilly Challenge Cup last night, will attempt to repeat last year's victory in the *Horse And Hound* Cup Hunters' Chase at Stratford on Saturday week.

Nottingham tour

NOTTINGHAM will play their first games in Ireland for 20 years when they open the next rugby union season with a two-match tour comprising matches against Terenure College, on August 31, and Blackrock College the following day (Michael Austin writes).

Supporting role

BILLY Hardy, the British bantamweight boxing champion, will take on Victor Navarro, of Mexico, at Stockton on Tuesday on the undercard of the International Boxing Federation international cruiserweight championship bout between Dave Garside and the South African, Siza Makhathini.

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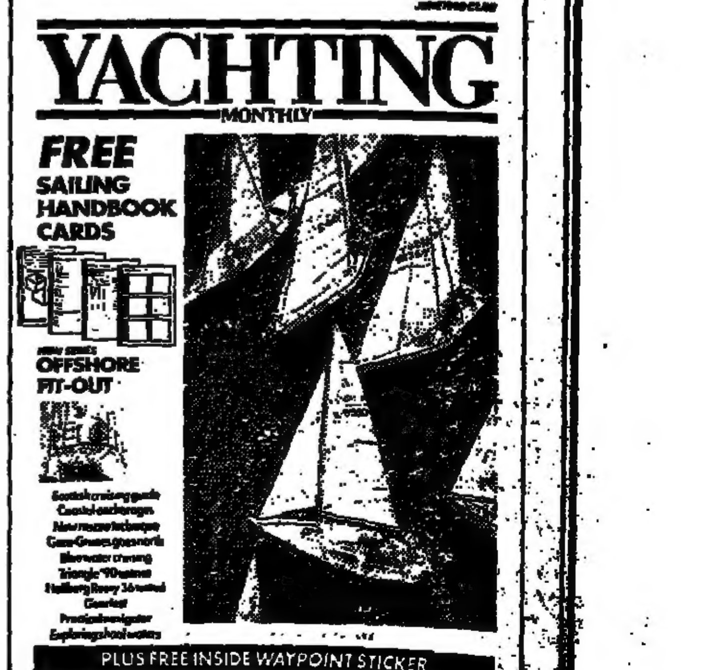

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Tuesday's late results

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England 1, Denmark 0 (at Wembley).
UNDER-23 INTERNATIONAL: Northern Ireland 2, Republic of Ireland 3 (at Portadown).
UNDER-18 INTERNATIONAL: England 3 Poland 0 (at Wembley).
UNDER-18 SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL: Switzerland 3, England 2 (at Kreuzlingen).
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Welsh under-15 shield final: Second leg: Wrexham 1, Cardiff 1 (Cardiff win 3-2 on agg). Under-14 final: Second leg: Wrexham 2, Cardiff 3 (Cardiff win 6-2 on agg). Northern Merit Trophy play-offs: Bradford 1, Sefton 0; Leeds 1, Liverpool 0; Bradford 0, Leeds 2; Liverpool 1, Sefton 1; Bradford 0, Liverpool 1; Leeds 1, Sefton 1 (Leeds win trophy).

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Austria Salzburg 5, Austria Vienna 0; Admira Wacker 1, Sturm Graz 3; FC Tirol 5, VSE St Pölten 3; Rapid 0, Vienna 3 (FC Tirol win championship).

BOXING

SOUTH SHIELDS: WBC international featherweight championship: John Davison (Newcastle, holder) bt Bang Saen Yodmuaydang (Thai), rsc 5th rnd. Super-feather (8 rnds): Kevin Pritchard (Preston) bt Harry Escott (Sunderland), pts. Light (8 rnds): Paul Charters (Newcastle) bt Brian Cullen (Preston), rsc 5th rnd.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 12, Atlanta Braves 2; St Louis Cardinals 4, Houston Astros 0; Cincinnati Reds 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 4 (11 inns); Philadelphia Phillies 2, San Diego Padres 1; San Francisco Giants 6, New York Mets 5; Los Angeles Dodgers 3, Montreal Expos 2.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 7, Minnesota Twins 3; Seattle Mariners 4, Toronto Blue Jays 3 (10 inns); Cleveland Indians 5, Oakland A's 4; Chicago White Sox 3, Baltimore Orioles 2; California Angels 8, Milwaukee Brewers 3; Detroit Tigers 3, Texas Rangers 2. Postponed: Boston Red Sox at Kansas City Royals.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Second round: Detroit Pistons 95, New York Knicks 84 (Pistons win best-of-seven series, 4-1); Phoenix Suns 106, Los Angeles Lakers 103 (Suns win 4-1). Portland Trailblazers 138, San Antonio Spurs 132 (double OT) (Trailblazers lead 3-2).

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Buckinghamshire 140, London Parks 87; Berkshire 115, London Scottish 123; Surrey 129, Gloucestershire 98.

ETON FIVES

HIGHGATE: Mixed doubles championship: Semi-finals: N Rossi and A Taylor bt L Wootten and R Black, 12-13, 12-6, 15-14; K Runnacles and P Boughton bt P Smith and P Holland, 12-5, 12-7. Final: Runnacles and Boughton bt Rossi and Taylor, 12-3, 12-10, 12-4.

CRICKET

THE PARKS: Oxford University 201-3 dec and 184-2 (M Russell 78, P Lunn 56 not out); Oxfordshire 137-4 dec and 249-7 (D Wood 75). Oxfordshire won by 3 wickets off last ball.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: MCC 219-3dec, *Monkton Combe 214-8; Berkshire Gentlemen 199-8, *Oratory 200-9; *Douai 113, Abingdon 114-0; Gloucestar Gypsies 135-5dec, *Monmouth 53-0 (rain); Forty Club 190, *Sutton Valence 148-9.
*denotes home team

RAPID CRICKETLINE CHAMPIONSHIP: Bournemouth: Hampshire 244 (T C Middleton 100, J R Ayling 66; L B Taylor 7-34), Leicestershire 21-0. Canterbury: Kent 273-6 (M C Dobson 56, G R Cowdrey 69, N J Llong 50 not out) v Surrey. Liverpool: Derbyshire 149 (W Akram 5-36), Lancashire 129-4. Southend: Northamptonshire 406-4 (M Loye 165, W M Noon 135 not out, L Howell 57 not out) v Essex. Swansea: Glamorgan 322-8 (P A Cottey 90, M J Cann 50; A C Cottam 5-100) v Somerset. Trent Bridge: Gloucestershire 147 (K P Evans 4-35), Nottinghamshire 102-2. Uxbridge: Middlesex 389 (J S Hutchinson 89, R O Butcher 103; S Herzberg 5-118, R Stemp 4-95), Worcestershire 38-2.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Finals: Edmonton Oilers 3, Boston Bruins 2 (triple OT) (Oilers lead best-of-seven series, 1-0).

SNOOKER

CAFE ROYAL: Continental Airlines London Masters: Final: S Hendry bt J Parrott, 4-2.

GOLF

ASHBURNHAM: Welsh women's team championship: Semi-finals: Whitchurch bt Royal Porthcawl, 3-2 (Whitchurch names first): V Mackenzie bt A Prichard, 3 and 1; P Chugg lost to L Jones, 1 hole; J Hooper bt G Turner, 1 hole; C Evans bt S Evans, 6 and 4; C Welch lost to D Andrews, 4 and 3. Maesdu (Llandudno) bt Pennard, 3-2 (Maesdu names first): S Roberts bt V Thomas, 2 and 1; S Payne lost to A Kelly, 3 and 2; E Brown bt F Shehan, 2 and 1; L Anton conceded to L Jones; G James bt J Roberts, 4 and 3. Final: Maesdu bt Whitchurch, 3-2 (Maesdu names first): S Roberts lost to V Mackenzie, at 19th; S Payne lost to P Chugg, 4 and 3; E Brown bt J Hooper, 5 and 4; L Anton bt C Lawer, 3 and 1; G James bt C Welch, 3 and 2.
HEXHAM: Northern women's counties championship: Cheshire bt Yorkshire, 5½-3½ (J Morley and E Wilson lost to H Hussler and J Garrry, 1 hole; S Robinson and J Ball halved with N Buxton and L Secker; K Tebbet and C White lost to K Firth and J Rhodes, 2 and 1; Morley bt Buxton, 2 and 1; Robinson bt Hussler, 2 and 1; Tebbet bt Garrry, 4 and 3; Ball halved with Secker; G Williams bt J Hunter, 4 and 3; E Ratcliffe halved with Rhodes); Northumberland bt Cumbria, 8-1 (E Elliott and L Fletcher bt S Tuck and A Clancy, 8 and 7; H Wilson and B Davis bt J Viles and A Rooney, 5 and 3; K Ferguson and A Rumney lost to J Gifford and P Downes, 3 and 2; Fletcher bt Viles, 6 and 4; C Hall bt Rooney, 4 and 3; Ferguson bt Tuck, 6 and 5; D Gibson bt Gifford, 5 and 5; Rumney bt Downes, 7 and 6; Davis bt R Bruce, 4 and 2); Lancashire bt Durham, 5-4 (L Fairclough and C Seddon bt D Spence and M Moore, 2 holes; J Brown and A Baines bt B Mansfield and J Lathen, 1 hole; J Crowe and N Wesley lost to L Still and P Dobson, 4 and 3; Fairclough bt Mansfield, 3 and 2; Brown bt Moore, 2 holes; Seddon lost to Still, 1 hole; Baines bt Dobson, 2 and 1; J Hogg bt Lathen, 5 and 3; A Brighouse lost to Spence, 3 and 2).

TENNIS

ROME: Italian open championships: Men's singles: Second round: A Mancini (Arg) bt H Leconte (Fr), 6-4, 6-4; E Sánchez (Sp) bt M Filippini (Uru), 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; T Muster (Austria) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 5-1, ret; A Gomez (Ec) bt D Nargiso (It), 7-6, 6-4; P Haarhuis (Neth) bt M Cierro (It), 6-4, 6-4; J Svensson (Swe) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-3, 6-1; A Krickstein (US) bt K Novacek (Cz), 6-2, 6-2; J Gunnarsson (Swe) bt S Bruguera (Sp), 6-4, 6-2; M Jaite (Arg) bt R Furlan (It), 6-4, 6-4; B Gilbert (US) bt L Mattar (Brazil) 7-6, 6-4; G Perez Roldan (Arg) bt J Fleurian (Fr), 6-3, 6-4; J Courier (US) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-3, 6-4.
BOURNEMOUTH: Hi-Tec spring satellite circuit: Men's singles: First round: K Outaleb (Mor) bt C Wilkinson, 6-4, 2-6, 6-0; K Alami (Mor) bt J Vekemans (Neth), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. Second round: O Sucha (Aus) bt G Schaap (Neth), 6-2, 6-1; D Baldacci (It) bt J Leclercq (Fr), 6-0, 6-2; K Outaleb (Mor) bt M Stringari (Arg), 6-4, 6-4; K Alami (Mor) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 1-6, 6-1, 6-0; M Naewie (WG) bt M Petkov (Hun), 6-7, 6-3, 7-6; H Chostas (Arg) bt G Guerrero (Arg), 7-6, 6-4; S Della-Piana (It) bt M Damm (Cz), 1-6, 6-3, 6-4. Women's singles: First round: T Krizan (Yug) bt C Fauche (Switz), 6-3, 6-3; K Ptaszek (Den) bt S Komleva (USSR), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; C Barclay (Aus) bt J Humphreys (SA), 6-2, 6-2; N Pratt (Aus) bt K Hand, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; M De Lenart (Switz) bt S Siddall, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; C Hall bt M Miranda (Chile), 4-6, 6-4, 7-5. Second round: N Bäätsklaa (USSR) bt P Moreno (HK), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; P Sörensen (Den) bt A Scott (Aus), 6-2, 6-2; S Bentley bt K Ptaszek (Den), 6-4, 6-1; J Kruger (SA) bt De Lenart, 6-2, 7-5; A Benzon (It) bt Hall, 6-0, 6-3; N Pratt (Aus) bt N Houssat (Fr), 6-4, 6-3.
UMAG: Yugoslav open championship: Men's singles: First round: M Koevermans (Neth) bt S Hirszon (Yug), 7-6, 6-3; A Cherkasov (USSR) bt J Clavet (Sp), 6-2, 6-4; J Potier (Fr) bt T Tulasne (Fr), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; D Perez (Uru) bt M Tauson (Den), 7-6, 6-4; T Benhabiles (Fr) bt C Saceanu (WG), 6-2, 6-2; D Bulevic (Yug) bt J Anderson (Aus), 6-3, 6-4; H de la Pena (Arg) bt E Bengoechea (Arg), 5-7, 6-2, 6-0; M Wajda (Cz) bt F Cancellotti (It), 6-1, 6-4; F Roig (Sp) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 6-4, 7-6; G Ivanisevic (Yug) bt N Pereira (Ven), 6-1, 6-4. Second round: G Prpic (Yug) bt D Perez (Uru), 6-2, 6-0; R Azar (Arg) bt M Vajda (Cz), 0-6, 7-6, 6-3; H de la Pena (Arg) bt M Koevermans (Neth), 7-6, 6-3; A Rahunen (Fin) bt N Marques (Por), 7-6, 6-4.
BERLIN: German women's open championship: First round: L Savchenko (USSR) bt C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 6-1, 6-7, 6-1; M Maleeva (Bul) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-2, 6-1; J Thompson (Aus) bt L McNeil (US), 7-6, 1-6, 6-3. Second round: S Graf (WG) bt M Paz (Arg), 6-1, 6-2; K Piccolini (It) bt F Labat (Arg), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; H Kelesi (Can) bt K Duell (WG), 6-1, 6-4; L Meskhi (USSR) bt R Rajchrtova (Cz), 6-1, 6-1; K Maleeva (Bul) bt W Probst (WG), 6-1, 6-0; R Zrubakova (Cz) bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 6-0, 6-3; N Tauziat (Fr) bt N Provis (Fr), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; J Wiesner (Austria) bt H Huber (WG), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; N Zvereva (USSR) bt A Grossman (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; J Novotna (Cz) bt C Dahlman (Swe), 7-5, 6-4; C Martinez (Sp) bt N Medvedeva (USSR), 6-4, 6-3; S Cecchini (It) bt J Thompson (Aus), 3-6, 6-3, 7-5. Third round: Meskhi bt K Maleeva, 4-6, 6-2, 6-0; Graf bt Piccolini, 6-0, 6-1.
LEEDS: LTA national ratings tournament: Women's singles: Quarter-final: K Fairweather bt J Craven, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1; K Howden bt C Edwards, 6-0, 6-0.

WEIGHTLIFTING

AALBORG, Denmark: European championships: Flyweight (52 kg): 1, I Ivanov (Bul), 265kg; 2, T Ciharean (Rom), 247.5; 3, J Gutowski (Pol), 237.5. Bantam (56 kg): 1, M Sevdelin (Bul), 285; 2, L Shabani (Alb), 257.5; 3, M Gorzelniak (Pol), 255. Feather (60kg): 1, A Czanka (Rom), 310; 2, N Pechalov (Bul), 287.5; 3, A Durmi (Alb), 270. Light (67.5kg): 1, I Iotov (Bul), 340; 2, I Militosian (USSR), 335; 3, E Basaraz (Tur), 315.

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Coppell's ace for poker-game replay

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

THE destiny of the FA Cup, which could yet be claimed in the most cruel and unprecedented fashion, hangs in the balance. Manchester United do not know whether Gary Pallister will be available for *tonight's* replay of the final at Wembley and Crystal Palace will not reveal whether Ian Wright will be selected from the start.

Pallister, the most expensive footballer in British history, damaged an ankle during the 3-3 draw last Saturday and is still doubtful. United's central defender feels that he will be able to resume his partnership with Bruce but his manager, Alex Ferguson, is more pessimistic.

"The injury is worse than we thought," he said yesterday, "and he's behind schedule. I wanted him to be jogging yesterday but he wasn't. I will give him every chance but, at the moment, I regard him as no more than 50-50."

Ferguson added that Donaghy, whom he has not picked since March, will be the replacement but he declined to confirm whether Leighton, held responsible for at least two of Palace's goals, would be retained. The goalkeeper has at least endured the experience of a penalty shootout while he was at Aberdeen.

If the scores are level after extra time, the Cup will rest on penalty kicks. Nobody, least of all those who in turn place the ball on the spot, would relish the process of elimination, which is as brutally conclusive as a game of Russian roulette.

United, as at the weekend, are expected to win, as Steve Coppell, Palace's manager, concedes. "Everybody keeps telling me that the favourites always come through," he said. He saw the most recent evidence for himself. He was in the stands at Wembley when his former team dismissed Brighton 4-0 in the replay seven years ago.

He refused to announce his line-up until the last minute on Saturday and he is using the same ploy again. "It is like a game of poker," he explained. "We've already laid our hands on the table and now it is a question of what we've got uncovered."

He indicated that there would be no tactical rearrangement. The man-for-man marking system is not only designed to belittle the unmistakable individual superiority of United but it also suits his own players. "They are happier when they are given specific tasks," he said.

Since they have again proved to themselves that they can match United (they have not lost any of the three fixtures between the sides so far this season), he may ease the rigid restrictions which were initially imposed upon them. In his words, he could "give them more licence in the second game".

He would not disclose, though, whether he will again keep his ace up his sleeve. "If I said that Wright was playing from the start, that would allow United to plan accordingly. Since they don't know, that gives them an element of doubt." And severe anxiety as well.

With his explosive pace, Wright can run through any defence, let alone United's comparatively ponderous back four. After his prolonged absence, however, he could burn himself out prematurely and Coppell is reluctant to risk losing his most dangerous weapon before sufficient damage has been inflicted.

Hughes, often irritatingly little more than a terrifying physical presence, spread fear across Palace through more legitimate and appealing conduct five days ago. He will do so again if O'Reilly, his marker, persists in filling the role of a diffident dancing partner. He must act instead like a ruthless rival.

Although Wallace played a part in all three of United's goals, he might have caused greater confusion. Given appropriately early service, with his speed and ability he could leave Pemberton spinning like a revolving door and unhinge Palace on the left flank, where they appear to be most vulnerable.

Nor, by his own admission, did Robson reach his usual high standard. Uncharacteristically, he seemed prepared to hand responsibility to his central midfield partner, Webb, but he still claimed the first equalizer, with the assistance of Pemberton, and he almost won the Cup with a header which bounced off a post towards the end of normal time.

He is unlikely to be so subdued again in his attempt to become the first captain to lift the trophy three times. Annually he is a contender for the player of the year award but is not yet a recipient of it; the unique honour would be some compensation to take with him to Italy next week.

Whatever the outcome, Palace have already won the continued financial support of their sponsors. Virgin Atlantic yesterday agreed to increase the value of the contract, worth more than £100,000 for the last two years, to £350,000 for next season, with an option to donate similar amounts for each of the following two years.

Replay could create a spot of history

THE signs are that sooner rather than later, perhaps even tonight, an FA Cup final will be decided by a penalty contest when conventional play has failed to produce a winner (a Special Correspondent writes).

The penalty was introduced into the laws of the game in 1891. Not only is it still going strong, it is increasingly being used as a means of breaking the deadlock in cup matches across the world.

Last summer the Scottish FA decided that a penalty competition would resolve cup-ties if no decision had been reached after one replay and extra time. It reasoned that if it was good enough for the World and European cups, it should be good enough for the Scottish Cup.

The final would not even go to a replay, but be settled if necessary by sudden death, which is exactly what happened at Hampden Park last Saturday, when Aberdeen beat Celtic 9-8 on penalties after two hours of goalless play.

Meanwhile, the FA Cup final was also drawn after Crystal Palace and Manchester United shared six goals. They meet again at Wembley tonight, and if there is still no decision after another two hours' football, the Cup will be won and lost, for the first time, on penalty kicks. Yet as long ago as 1912, after three consecutive replays in the Cup Final, there were calls for the match to be played to a conclusion on the day, continuing beyond extra time if need be until a goal was scored. European competition spawned the penalty competition in the Sixties, and at least it was an improvement on tossing a coin or drawing discs.

In 1980, Arsenal lost the Cup Winners' Cup final on penalties. Four years later luck turned the other way for English clubs with Liverpool winning their fourth European Cup, and Totenham Hotspur the UEFA Cup, from the spot.

Imposed by the game's administrators, and despised by managers, coaches and players, its drama ensures the penalty contest is here to stay.

Indeed, the World Cup final itself could be decided by such a method in Rome on July 8.

PROBABLE TEAMS

MANCHESTER UTD		CRYSTAL PALACE
J Leighton	1	N Martyn
P Ince	2	J Pemberton
L Martin	3	R Shaw
S Bruce	4	A Gray
M Phelan	5	G O'Reilly
G Pallister	6	A Thorn
B Robson (capt)	7	P Barber
N Webb	8	G Thomas (capt)
B McClair	9	M Bright
M Hughes	10	J Salako
D Wallace	11	A Pardew

SUBSTITUTES: 12: M Robins; 13: M Donaghy.

SUBSTITUTES: 12: I Wright; 13: D Madden.

Referee: A Gunn.

REPLAY FACTS

● This is the thirteenth FA Cup final to have gone to a replay. The others were in 1875, 1876, 1886, 1901, 1902, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1970, 1981, 1982 and 1983.

● On the three occasions when the replay has involved a London club against northern opponents, the Cup has been won by the London side. In 1901 Tottenham Hotspur beat Sheffield United 3-1 (after a 2-2 draw); in 1970 Chelsea beat Leeds United 2-1 (after a 2-2 draw) and in 1981 Tottenham beat Manchester City 3-2 (after a 1-1 draw).

● Manchester United were the last club to win the Cup in a replay, beating Brighton 4-0 in 1983.

● Should the match be undecided after extra time tonight, a penalty shootout will decide the Cup final for the first time. Leighton, the United goalkeeper, has experience of such a situation. He was in the Aberdeen goal when Rangers beat them on penalties to win the Scottish League Cup two seasons ago.

● Bookmakers make United favourites to win the Cup. After 90 minutes United are 15-8 on to win with Palace 6-4 while including extra time United are 11-10 and Palace 12-5 with the draw 2-1. Hughes, the United forward, is a 7-1 favourite to score the first goal in 90 minutes with Wright, of Palace, 8-1 shot. Both scored twice in the 3-3 draw in first match on Saturday; O'Reilly had put Palace in front and Robson equalized for United.

● Victory for United would make Alex Ferguson the first post-war winning manager of both the English and Scottish FA cups, having won the trophy north of the border in 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1986.

Sheedy prevents untimely defeat

From Clive White
Dublin

Rep of Ireland 1
Finland 1

A PROUD Irish chest saved the Republic of Ireland considerable embarrassment and at the same time their unbeaten run in Dublin of 19 games here yesterday with just four minutes remaining of *their last game before their* devoted public prior to the World Cup finals.

When a cross from Houghton found its way Aldridge, who had come on as substitute, he thundered a shot against the underside of the crossbar. Without waiting for a favourable verdict from Roger Gifford, the Welsh referee, Sheedy, another second-half substitute, ran forward to chest the ball over the line for his first international goal since October 1988.

Typically, it was in a match in which the Irish had little to fear, against the makeweights of international football, that their record and newly-established reputation came under threat. Finland presented a lively challenge and took the *lead with a fine goal from Vesa* Tauriainen, who volleyed a shot from 25 yards to perfection after 77 minutes.

The game, which also doubled as Liam Brady's testimonial, was for the most part a strangely muted affair before a relatively small crowd by Lansdowne Road's heady *days of 31,556. Indeed,* initially it responded only to Brady, enthusiastically cheering his every touch while wishing that he could turn the clock back.

Brady, who was establishing a new Republic record of 72 appearances, did his best to please everyone, including Jack Charlton, his manager, occasionally drawing ironic applause from the crowd when he closed defenders down in a most uncharacteristic manner.

But Brady is a creative force not a destructive one and that, thankfully, is how we will remember him. He earned a six-minute stay of execution beyond the 20 minutes allotted him but when the time came to depart from the stage *he could not hide his dis*appointment. A wave to the crowd, a short embrace with his executioner, a brief handshake with Townsend, his successor, and Brady was gone.

Townsend wasted no time in fulfilling the kind of demands which Brady was *sometimes reluctant to do by* flattening Parsi Tauriainen with his first challenge for the ball. But there is more to Townsend than brute force and before the opening half was over he had more than justified his position as Brady's successor.

Pushing forward vigorously from midfield he combined effectively with Cascarino to carve out an opening for Byrne but the shot which the Le Havre forward thrashed goalwards was stopped by the legs of Huttunen, the Finnish goalkeeper.

There were warning signs that all was not well with the Republic side after just five minutes when Paatelainen, the Dundee United player, turned McCarthy with disturbing ease. Gradually the Irish warmed to their task

A characteristically lengthy throw by McCarthy caught the Finns off balance and from it Byne had a shot deflected away for a corner. Brady played it to the near post and O'Leary, his old Arsenal colleague, met it with a powerful header which Huttunen did well to push over the crossbar. But one had to search hard to find individual successes in the Irish team. Houghton on his return to the side after an absence of two games was definitely one.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: P Bonner (Celtic); C Houghton (Tottenham Hotspur), S Staunton (Liverpool), M McCarthy (Millwall), D O'Leary (Arsenal), L Brady (West Ham United), P McGrath (Aston Villa), R Houghton (Liverpool), B Staven (Middlesborough), A Cascarino (Aston Villa), J Byrne (Le Havre).

FINLAND: O Huttunen (Haka); J Vuoreta (HJK), P Salonen (TPS Turku), A Heikkinen (TPS Turku), H Jantti (Kuusysa), M Kamenva (HJK), P Jarvinen (Kuusysa), P Tauriainen (HJK), J Litmanen (Reipas Lahti), M Myyry (Lokoren), M Paatelainen (Dundee United).

Referee: R Gifford (Wales).

Slipping away: Liam Brady stumbles after setting up an Irish attack on his farewell appearance against Finland at Lansdowne Road, Dublin

Leeds double ticket prices

By Ian Ross

THE supporters of Leeds United will pay the highest season-ticket prices in English football to watch their side next season. Big price increases have been announced just 11 days after Leeds ensured a return to the first division after an absence of eight years.

A season ticket for the main stand goes up nearly 2½ times from £145 to £355; the Lowfields Road stand price is up by 120 per cent, from £125 to £274, and a season ticket for the Kop terrace area will rise 102 per cent, from £70 to £142.

The price includes admission to all 19 first division fixtures next season and a guaranteed ticket for five cup matches.

By comparison, a main *stand season ticket at Liver*pool, the champions, will cost £135, although that covers League fixtures only.

Rangers, the Scottish champions, will charge £238, again for league fixtures only, Tottenham Hotspur's price of £299 includes five cup ties. Arsenal will charge £312 (seven cup ties) and Everton £127 (League only).

Leslie Silver, the chairman of Leeds, defended the increases: they were designed to ensure that his club generated revenue to build a team which would be capable of challenging for honours.

"We are making a quantum leap into the first division and we are shooting for the very top. If we do not take the bull by the horns we will become just another, average first division club. We do not want a half-cocked football team in the city of Leeds," he said.

Ray Fell, the chairman of the supporters'club, said: "I am shocked by these steep increases in price. I am sure that my reaction will be shared by most members of the supporters'club. Obviously, increases were expected if we are to compete with the top clubs but these do seem very high indeed."

Roy Schofield, the treasurer of the supporters club, said: "I forecast that many supporters, particularly schoolchildren and those with low-paid jobs, will not be able to afford tickets. They will have to pick and choose the matches they wish to attend. Those who have been sitting may have to move to the terraces."

In 1989-90 the average attendance for a League match at Elland Road was more than 28,000, the fourth highest in the League. A section of terracing is to be converted into seating, reducing the ground's capacity to just 29,500.

Graham's hunt is at last rewarded

By Dennis Signy

DAVID Seaman, the Queen's Park Rangers and England player, joined Arsenal yesterday for £1.3 million, a British record transfer fee for a goalkeeper, surpassing the £1 million that Crystal Palace paid Bristol Rovers for Nigel Martyn earlier in the season. The move also equalled the world record set when Rinat Dassayev moved from Moscow Spartak to Seville, in Spain, in November 1988.

The signing of Seaman, aged 26, ends months of stalking by George Graham, the Arsenal manager, and leaves the way clear for John Lukic to move from Highbury, probably back to Leeds United, the first division newcomers, from whom he joined Arsenal for £50,000 in July 1983.

Although Seaman is likely to be named in Bobby Robson's England World Cup squad for Itly next week as back-up to Shilton and Chris Woods, there has been an adverse reaction from many Arsenal supporters to his replacing Lukic, a former England Under-21 international who is rated among the top goalkeepers in the League and is popular at Highbury.

● Andy Townsend, the Norwich City midfield player, is expected to meet Bobby Campbell, the Chelsea manager, in London today for talks about a £1.5 million transfer, but Robert Chase, the Norwich chairman, denied that Norwich had reached agreement on the Republic of Ireland international.

Fixture clash threat to Commonwealth Games

DAVID POWELL on a problem for the 1994 sporting calendar

THE home nations face the prospect of fielding considerably weakened athletics teams at the next Commonwealth Games after the discovery that they are to begin only four days after the finish of the European championships. British officials are so worried at the proximity of the dates in August 1994 that they are seeking to have the Commonwealth Games put back.

"I am very seriously concerned and I have written to all the general secretaries at the Athletic Associations of the Commonwealth Games countries to see if it would be possible to make a three-week gap," Frank Dick, Britain's director of coaching, said yesterday. The European championships have been scheduled for August 9 to 14, in Helsinki, and the Commonwealth Games for August 18 to 28 in Victoria, Canada.

The Commonwealth Games athletics would probably begin on August 21, leaving only six days between the meetings. Competitors in the long-recovery events, such as the marathon, 10,000 metres, walks, heptathlon and decathlon, would have no chance of doing both.

According to Dick, however, even the sprinters, throwers and jumpers, for whom less recuperation time is generally needed, would be unable to give their best in both competitions. "The sprinters could be running every day in the Commonwealth Games and they would need a fair bit of time to regenerate because their legs will be finished," Dick said.

"They need time not just physically but also to get over emotional fatigue. It is not as if they will have come from just a couple of runs in Europe — the European championships require a long period of mental concentration. The other problem is that there is a big time change between Helsinki and Victoria [12 hours] and the athletes will need a good 10 to 12 days to get their training back up."

Although Dick is the national coach for Britain, he holds no such position with England, which sends a separate team to the Commonwealth Games, as do Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. At the Commonwealth Games in Auckland in January, England gave him no accreditation and he had to rely on the Falkland Islands team for a training track pass.

"I am in a delicate position because I am the director of coaching for Great Britain and I try not to interfere with the constituent nations of the UK, but I felt that, in the interests of the athletes and the public, I had to contact the Commonwealth Games secretaries in the hope that they will be able to put pressure on their own countries."

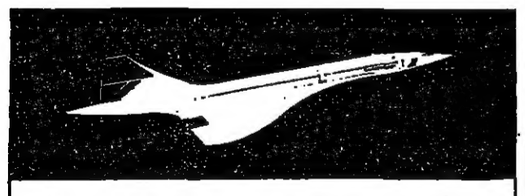
Tony Ward, the British amateur Athletic Board and Amateur Athletic Association spokesman, said that the nearest of the dates had "come to light through some sort of accident. He said that representations would also be made to the European Athletic Association (EAA), which runs the European championships. "I think it will be difficult to get anything done," Ward added.

Ward's observations were borne out when Pierre Dasriaux, the EAA secretary, was contacted yesterday. "We were not aware of the dates of the Commonwealth Games," Dasriaux said. "There is no chance of our changing."

In 1966, when the European championships in Budapest began 17 days after the Commonwealth Games in Kingston, Jamaica, had finished, only two British athletes, Lynn Davies, in the long jump, and Jim Hogan, in the marathon, won medals in the Europeans.

Eamonn Martin, the Commonwealth 10,000 metres champion, said that, if the dates stood, he would not consider defending his title, but would hope to run the distance in Helsinki. "Three weeks would be the minimum needed to do both," Martin said.

He also said that he will not run the 10,000 metres trial next month but would seek in Oslo on July 14 to gain a qualifying time for this year's European championships in Split. "I don't see the point — my gold medal will get me in the team," Martin said. But Ward said: "Eamonn is taking a tremendous gamble. If three people did under 28 minutes in the trial, he would be in a difficult position."



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